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Higher, Stronger, Faster, Richer

By Laura Colby mal Herold Tribune

There's gold in the Albertville hills, far more than in any Winter Olympics to date.

The last Winter Games, in Calgary, made a \$32 million profit. Although the organizers of the XVI Winter Olympics, which begin this weekend, expect to break even,

there will be more money in the overall pot. It totals about \$2 billion, almost five times as much as in 1988. Coca-Cola, IBM, Benetton, M&M Mars, Visa International, Kodak and Thomson are just a few of the companies that have paid millions of dollars to associate their names and products with the Games.

"It's one of the best ways to advertise," explained Timmo Lumme, a marketing expert from the International Management Group, who is working with the French Olympic Committee in Albertville.

The world recession has not really affected sponsorship and television rights, according to Lumme, because "those deals were signed three or four years ago, in boom

CBS paid \$243 million for television rights and such international sponsors as Kodak and Coke paid an average of \$50 million apiece for world rights to use the multicolored Olympic rings, Lummé said. Twelve second-tier sponsors, such as Crédit Lyonnais and Renault, put up \$10 million or more for the French rights, while dozens more paid at least \$2 million to be official suppliers.

Tickets for the events, another big money-raiser, are elling extremely well, Lummé added.

The Albertville bonanza reaches far beyond advertising. A gold medal can swiftly turn an athlete into a

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A Tale of Two Work Ethics By Many Yardsticks, U.S. Tops Japan

By Steven Brull

International Herald Tribune

TOKYO - American workers "can't read" and "don't want to work," the speaker of the Japanese house, Yoshio Sakurauchi, charged last month. Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, in a parliamentary debate earlier this week, said that Americans' determination "to produce goods and create value has loosened sharply over the years" and that "the work ethic is lacking" among college graduates who are out to make easy money on Wall Street rather than work in manufacturing.

Rhetoric aside, just how do American workers match up against the Jananese? In the final analysis, experts say, American workers

Although they put in fewer hours than the Japanese. U.S. workers are more productive and better paid. Far superior Japanese test scores in science and math not-withstanding, basic literacy levels are about equal and more Americans go to university or junior college than

Americans also have it easier in some important ways: They spend less time getting to work, leave earlier and take more days off for vacations and illness.

Mr. Miyazawa, 72, later clarified his comments, saying he had had no intention of criticizing American workers. But his views, along with those of Mr. Sakurau-chi, 79, appear broadly representative of an older generation of Japanese who grew up in poverty after World War 11 and developed a work ethic extreme even by today's Japanese standards. Seeking to rebuild an economic infrastructure damaged during the war, men commonly worked seven days a week.

"It was work only, no play," said Masaru Takagi, chief economist of the Fuji Research Institute, "We had to catch up with America."

But now, attitudes are changing. The majority of younger Japanese, in fact, do not share Mr. Miyazawa's

views. If anything, they envy the American workers' ability to enjoy a richer lifestyle.

"There's no longer any difference in artitudes about work between the U.S. and Japan," Mr. Takagi said.

"The younger generation is completely different. They want more free time." want more free time."

With Japanese productivity rising and demographic trends developing to their advantage, workers are demanding and slowly getting better conditions. The Labor Ministry is drafting a bill to shorten working hours, part of a broader governmental effort to raise the quality

Akio Morita, ehairman of Sony Corp. and one of Japan's most prominent businessmen, has been calling for an overhaul of Japanese labor practices, which he says have been outgrown. "Japanese companies pay their employees less for longer hours worked," he said.

Japan, he added, "must reinvent itself." But few expect the U.S.-Japan gap in labor practices

to be narrowed anytime soon.

According to figures from the German Economic Institute, Japanese employees worked an average of 2,201 hours in 1990. That figure is about 300 hours more

than the U.S. average.

By comparison, the Japanese work about 550 hours more than workers in the former West Germany, according to institute.

In fact, the gap in hours worked may be even larger. According to a poll by a private Japanese company, Recruit Research, business executives and civil servants last year averaged 451 hours of overtime, 200 hours more

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Congress Seeks a New-Look CIA

By George Lardner Jr.

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The chairmen of the Senate and House intelligence committees are proposing the most far-reaching changes in the U.S. intelligence community since it was first established in 1947 to fight the Cold

Sources: German Economic Institute, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The proposal is expected to encounter stiff opposition from the Pentagon, which would lose much of its clout, and from other agencies that might have to surrender intelligence assets.

The chairmen, Senator David L. Boren and Representative Dave McCurdy, both Oklahoma Democrats, said they regarded the plan as a starting point for change and

hoped that it would prompt bolder ideas from the Bush administration, which has undertaken its own review. The proposals, unveiled Wednesday, call for the creation of a new post of director of national intelligence, with authority to make military and civilian intelligence

agencies work together at less cost and to create a new government-wide structure for intelligence analysis. "The world has changed and the intelligence community must change with it," Mr. Boren said. "It's time to

Mr. Boren suggested that the task forces that Robert M. Gates, the director of central intelligence, has as-

signed to streamline the intelligence community have been just "nihbling on the edges."

Mr. McCurdy emphasized that past proposals to creare a director of national intelligence, cut loose from the Central Intelligence Agency, always had the weakness of oot giving him any agency of his own to command.

"That isn't the case here," Mr. McCurdy said, adding, "He's going to be a czar with troops and forces and

"He will be The Director."

Mr. Boren and Mr. McCurdy said Mr. Gates would probably get the job if it was created. The proposals also would:

 Establish a national intelligence center to take over the CIA's directorate of intelligence and many of the intelligence analysts now working at the Pentagon, the State Department and elsewhere in the government such as the Commerce and Treasury departments. Mr. Boren said be envisioned the new center as "a world-class think tank," which would be headed by a deputy director of national intelligence and located at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

"Strip down" the CIA, as Mr. Boren put it, and See CIA, Page 5

Yeltsin Urges Faster Aid, **Warning of Dictatorship**

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If Russia Fails, He Says, Communists and Brown Shirts' Will Be Ready

By Alan Riding

PARIS — Apparently disappointed over the results of his visit to the United States last week, President Boris N. Yeltsin issued an urgent new appeal Thursday for international aid and warned that dictatorship could return

to Russia if his program of change collapses. 'I have faith in these reforms, they are irreversible," Mr. Yeltsin said during a three-day state visit to France. "But if they fail, f can already feel the breath of the red shirts and brown shirts on our necks."

Addressing a reception at the Paris City Hall, he further underlined his concern.

"If Russia fails in its reforms, especially of the economy, a dictatorship will appear," he said. "That's why the international community must contribute to a solution. Its delay is be-

coming dangerous,"

Mr. Yeltsin made no direct reference to his talks with President George Bush on Saturday, but only hours after leaving Washington he complained at a press conference in Ottawa that American business leaders and "some governments" seemed to lack confidence in his program of change.

"Sometimes you are surprised by the response of certain countries," he said before

Republics agree to disable strategic missiles outside Russia within three years. Page 5.

returning to Moscow to prepare for his visit to France. "They talk and talk. For the past five months, we have been asking for help and it hasn't happened." On Thursday, chiding French businessmen

for not investing in the Russian economy, Mr. Yeltsin said that the next three months would be crucial and he warned that Western caution now could prove expensive later. Although Mr. Yeltsig has in recent weeks

been echoing the urgent appeals for aid made by the former Soviet president, Mikhai S. Gorbachev, only Germany among Western countries has so far become deeply involved in trying to rescue the economies of Russia and other former Soviet republics.

Paris granted Russia a \$370 million credit Thursday to import grains from France, The French also confirmed that a \$405 million barter agreement that was signed with the Soviet Union last year will now apply to Russia, and

they opened a new \$22 million line of credit for French technical assistance Asked about Russia's request for multibillion-dollar international support for a spe-cial fund to stabilize the ruble, with the aim of

eventually making it fully convertible, the French economy minister, Pierre Bérégovoy, said that this could only be taken up after Russia joins the International Monetary Fund. At a lunch Thursday, Prime Minister Edith Cresson of France assured Mr. Yeltsin that Paris would send emergency food supplies and medical assistance in order to soften "the social

for those who are most vulnerable - pensioners, children and the sick." But she also stressed Russia's responsibility in the establishment of a stable economic cli-

costs of the transition to the market economy

"State credits cannot substitute for direct

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Cosmodrome to Krikalev: Maintain Your Pattern

By Michael Dobbs ington Post Service

MOSCOW - Unless you have completely tired of hard-luck stories from the former Soviet Union, spare a thought for the plight of Cosmonaut 3rd Class Sergei Krikalev.

Blasted into space 262 days ago by a country that no longer exists, Mr. Krikalev is now

wondering when the successor states to the Communist superpower will arrange his longdelayed return. Once a week, he is allowed to chat with his wife, Lena, to find out how she is making out on his less-than-cosmic monthly salary of 500 rubles (\$2.50 at the free-market exchange

rate) at a time when prices have gone through the stratosphere. But otherwise he spends his time spirming uselessly around the globe, 16 times a day. trying to repair his "leaky" space station.

Back on Earth, the lads at mission control are threatening to strike over their miserable wages, a development that could further delay Mr. Krikalev's homecoming. The viability of what was once the world's

most ambitious space program has been undermined by budget cuts and political squab-bles among the former Soviet republics. There is even some doubt about whether the Baikonur Cosmodrome belongs to the post-Sovi-et Commonwealth of Independent States, or

In the old days, Mr. Krikalev could at least have been confident of a hero's welcome when he finally did make it back home. But times have changed, and the unlettered Russian press has adopted a tone of commiseration to chronicle the exploits of the 34-year-old homesick cosmonaut - when, that is, it bothers to report them at all.

"A human race sent its soo off to the stars to fulfill a concrete set of tasks," the former Communist youth newspaper, Komsomoiskaya Pravda, said this week. "But hardly had

he left Earth than it lost interest in those tasks, for worldly and completely explicable rea-sons. And it started to forget about its cosmo-nant. It did not even fetch him back at the appointed time, again for completely worldly

During the nine months Mr. Krikalev has been aboard the Mir space station, a few changes have taken place on Earth that have complicated his original mission. First there was the abortive coup by hard-line Communists in August, which resulted in the banning of the political party to which cosmonauts, as exemplary Soviet citizens, were required to belong. Then the Soviet Union itself col-lapsed, which placed a large question mark over the future of the space program.

Unbeknownst to him, Mr. Krikalev became a pawn in a dispute between Russia and Kazakhstan that cost him his first ticket home in October. When the newly sovereign Kazakhs demanded huge fees for the use of the Baikonur Cosmodrome, Moscow wangled a discount by naming history's first Kazakh cosmonaut. Kazakhstan's national self-esteem soared, but Mr. Krikalev's spirits sank when he learned that he would not be replaced. The Kazakh, it seems, did not have the qualifications to spend an extended period in outer space.

In the meantime, the space agency, Glav-kosmos, has been doing its best to raise Western currency to supplement its increasingly worthless ruble budget. A place on the October mission to link up with Mir was sold to Austria for \$7 million. In December 1990, Japanese television paid \$12 million to send a reporter on a Soviet spacecraft, billing him as the "world's first outer space correspondent."

At one point, there were even suggestions that Glavkosmos was eager to sell the Americans the Mir space station - launched six

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By Chris Hedges New York Times Service



Mayor Jacques Chirac bidding farewell to Nama I. Yeltsin outside the Paris city hall.

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A special Olympic section: Reports on everything from shortcourse skating to Jean-Claude Killy today and clubs at night.

Croatian Leader Accepts UN Plan UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) - President Franjo

Tudiman of Croatia accepted a UN peacekeeping plan Thursday, clearing an obstacle to the dispatch of UN troops to Yugoslavia.

But the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, said he felt it was not yet time to deploy the full force of 10,000 troops, mainly because of objections from the leader of the Serbian population in the Krajina enclave of Croatia, Milan Babic.

The Japanese remain fascinated with new products. Andrew Ranard reports on the Sakura Pages 8-9. Syndrome. Page 9.

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Iraq's Kurds - Their Own Worst Enemy

Kurdish dream of independence. ing to meet people's basic needs. which seemed almost within reach Saddam Hussein may have when Saddam Hussein's forces tried to destroy us once," said a withdrew from the Kurdish-poou-Kurdish engineer who now works lated northeastern corner of Iraq last year, is vanishing amid internal for an international relief organization, "but what we are doing to dissension after three months of ourseives is ien times worse."

Lawlessness has overtaken parts of the north, where Kurdish brigands piller food stocks, steal vehicles at gunpoint and threaten those who challenge them. Others, many of them corrupt Kurdish officials,

frontier to Iran and sold, from bull-ble. dozers to electrical wire.

"Many activities are committed in the name of the Kurdistan Front," said Massoud Barzani, the principal Kurdish leader, referring to the umbrella organization that makes up the de facto government. that have succumbed to the fierce 'Some local commanders have winter, misused their power."

"We all realize that we must clean up our ranks," be said.

The economic isolation has been made worse by a severe winter.

weather, lie abandoned on the roadside, and wild dogs pick over the carcasses of cows and horses

Trucks and jeeps take hours to

inch over the blustery mountain

passes. Cars, overpowered by the

Kurdish guerrillas in northern Iraq rose in rebellion after the end of the Gulf War, seeking indepen-

dence from the Arab rulers in See KURDS, Page 5

SANDRINGHAM, England - Oueen Elizabeth II ushered in the 40th anniversary of her accession to the throne on Thursday by telling her people that she would continue her rule until she died. Hers is a "job for life," she said.

The 65-year-old monarch marked her four decades as sovereign with quiet reflection at her Sandringham country estate in eastern England and with a visit to a nearby hospice.

The queen, reflecting on the shock of her accession -she was on a royal visit to Kenya when her father, King George VI, died says in a commentary in a BBC film about her reign that she has come to terms with her fate.

"It's a job for life," she says

The festivities to mark her four decades as sovereign will be held later in the year, when celebra-tions of Elizabeth's accession on Feb. 6, 1952, will no longer be overshadowed by the memory of her father's death.



Members of the King's Troop of the Royal Horse Artillery rushing to aid a horse trapped by a carriage and dragged 50 yards after a 41-gun salute. Its leg was grazed. The salute Thursday in Hyde Park marked the start of the 41st year of Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Japan Must Do More to Help Ex-Soviets, Kohl Says

BONN - Japan and other countries must do more to support the rebuilding of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, but the aid should be linked to arms agreements, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said in comments released Thursday.

In an interview with the German financial newspaper Handelsblatt and The Wall Street Journal Europe, Mr. Kohl called on other Western nations to move urgently on aid to the former Soviet republics, saying that Germany had reached its limit.

But Mr. Kohl said that aid should be

linked to strict enforcement of nuclear and chemical weapons controls, and to assurances that disarmament is really under way in the former Soviet Union, according to a summary of the chancellor's comments provided Thursday by Handelsblatt.

The full interview is to appear in the news-

papers' Friday's editions. Mr. Kohl noted that Germany already had committed itself to 75 billion Deutsche

marks (\$46.8 billion) in export credits and other aid to the former Soviet republics, the newspaper said.

When aid for other former East bloc coun-

DM. Mr. Kohl was quoted as saying.

"Now is the time for others to contribute, in Europe as well as in faraway lands," Mr. Kohl said. He singled out Japan, Handelsb-

Mr. Kohl also said he thought that Germany needed to accept greater world responsi-bility, such as participation of German troops in United Nations missions. But he once again played down demands from some politicians and commentators for a permanent seat for unified Germany on the UN Security Council.

"I myself feel very well represented by our friends," the chancellor said. "There are absolutely no grounds for changing."

On the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Handelsblatt said, Mr. Kohl said he would like a successful conclusion to the sticky Urugusy Round of talks before leaders of the Group of Seven industrial countries meet in Munich in July.

Agreement in the fight over agricultural subsidies alone will not resolve all the issues. Mr. Kohl said, adding. We in the European Community, and that includes Germany, must reduce overproduction."

Paul A. Freund, 83, Authority on Constitutional Law, Dies

By Eric Pace

New York Times Service

Paul A. Freand, 83, an authority on constitutional law and the Supreme Court who taught at Harvard Law School for 37 years, died of cancer Wednesday in Cambridge,

Professor Freund retired in 1976 as Carl M. Loeb University Professor. He was born in St. Louis, the son of Charles Freund and the former Hulda Arenson. He earned a bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis in 1928 and a bachelor of laws degree from Harvard in 1931.

Vorenberg, described Professor Freund as "the dominant figure of his time in the field of constitutional law."

In his teaching and writings and as an official of the U.S. Solicitor General's office in the 1930s and 1940s, he was a leading exponent of a relatively flexible interpretation of the Constitution in economic and social matters.

In his view, the judicial system, with the Supreme Court at its apex, had a crucial role to play. In his 1961 book "The Supreme Court of the United States," he wrote that 1 boped you would prefer making history to the role of the courts in maintaining a work-writing it."

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A former dean of the law school, James ing federalism was one of "mediation between large principles and particular problems, of interposing intermediate principles' that are "more tentative, experimental and

During the Kennedy administration, Professor Freund figured as a potential appointee as Solicitor General. But as he later recalled to friends, when

Kennedy offered the position to him, he turned it down on the ground that he wanted to continue working on a history of the Supreme Court, of which he was the general editor. To that Kennedy replied, 'T'm sorry.

Francis Birch, 88, professor emeritus of geology at Harvard University and a cowhich brought down part of the facade of a building and smashed designer of the Hiroshima atomic bomb, died of cancer Friday in Cambridge, Massa-

an independent Basque state. They Jean Hamburger, 82, president of the French Academy of Sciences, who in 1962 performed the first successful kidney transhave repeatedly said the Olympic Games and the World's Fair will be This was the group's most de-structive attack since May, when a plant between nontwins, died Saturday in Paris. He had been hospitalized with heart car bomb killed nine people, including three children, in the courtyard of a paramilitary civil guard barracks in Vic, near Barcelona.

Lisa Fonssagrives-Penn, 80, a leading fashion model in the 1940s and 1950s, died of pneumonia Tuesday in New York City.

liceman and a former government Jesuit Report minister in four separate shooting attacks - two in Barcelona, one in Bilbao and one in Valencia. Says Church ETA onslaught in Madrid was on Oct. 17 when three bombs killed an Aided Vichy army lieutenant and seriously wounded another officer, as well as a mother and daughter.

The Associated Pres

PARIS-A Jesuit theologian, in most \$400 million on security for a report discovered after remaining the Olympics, which open July 25; hidden for 48 years in a private with 15,000 police, civil guard and archive, has accused the hierarchy military reinforcements being of France's Roman Catholic brought into the Barcelona area Church of fully supporting the pro-Nazi government of Vichy France. for the six-month Seville World's The report, written in 1944 by Fair. the Reverend Henri du Lubac, condemns the behavior of many Ro- forces in the Basque country have

in the eyes of everyone to profit odiously from an odious situation," Father Lubac wrote in the report, which was published for the first time in this month's issue of the journal Revue des Deux Mondes. Father Lubac said that during pation, the church seemed satis- Hanghey's Party the four years under German occufied, despite justice being violated

everywhere, consciences tortured and Christian values swept away." The theologian, who died in September, wrote the confidential report at the request of Jacques Maritain, France's envoy to the Vatican under President Charles de Gaulle. It was discovered recently by a historian doing research in Mr. Maritain's archives.

According to Father Lubac, the majority of French bishops "were servile and adopted an attitude which condemned nearly all Christian resisters."

Never, except in rare dioceses, did one hear protests," he said, never an appeal to Christian dig-

Nearly 50 years after the was France is only beginning to deal with the behavior of the Church during the German occupation. Historians are concluding that, despite individual acts of bravery and heroism, much of the church hierarchy collaborated wholeheartedly.

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Ex-Minister

Elected to Lead

DUBLIN - Former Finance Minister Albert Reynolds was elected Thursday as leader of Ireland's dominant political party, which puts him in line to become

prime minister next week. Mr. Reynolds won with the sup-port of 61 votes among the 77 Fianna Fail lawmakers in the Dail, the lower house of parliament.

The wealthy businessman succeeds Prime Minister Charles J. Haughey, who has led the Fianna Fail since 1979. Mr. Haughey had lost support from the Progressive Democrats, a

party whose six votes support the coalition government, because of llegations that he had lied about a 10-year-old wiretapping scandal.
Mr. Haughey, 66, has indicated that he will resign Monday. The new prime minister is expected to

be confirmed the following day.

Mr. Reynolds was dismissed as finance minister in November after he joined an unsuccessful effort to unseat Mr. Haughey. Born in Rooskey in County Roscommon, Mr. Reynolds, 56, made his fortune as founder of C and D Foods Ltd.,

a pet food company. He won a seat in the Dail on his first try in 1977, and supported Mr. Haughey's successful bid for the party leadership two years later. Mr. Reynolds was a member of every Haughey cabinet, serving as minister for industry and energy, for posts and telegraphs, for transport and finally as finance minister.

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nation not to give in to terrorist blackmail," he said. "Our determi-

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in jail when this century ends and

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ing to carry out."

Defense Minister Julian Garcia

Vargas said the dead were three army captains, their driver and a

civilian employed in the army of-

The six wounded were civilians who were walking or driving near-by at the time of the explosion,

ETA has killed more than 700

people in its 23-year campaign for

It was the guernillas first strike in the capital this year. In January

they killed three servicemen, a po-

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Die in Blast Turkish Security Prosecutor Is Slain

ISTANBUL (Reuters) — Urban guerrillas ambushed and killed Istanbul's top security prosecutor Thursday in the third fatal attack on security

forces in Turkish cities this week, the police said. Three men and a woman fired on Yasar Gunaydin, the chief state security court prosecutor, outside his home in the coastal Kumkapi district as he got into his car to go to work. He died in a hospital. His guard and driver were also killed. The attackers escaped.

The identity of the attackers was not immediately known. But Dev-Sol. or Revolutionary Left, and the separatist Kurdish Workers Party have both claimed similar attacks in the past. Gunmen killed a policewoman and two policemen in a pairol car in Istanbul on Monday. Three gunmen MADRID - A car bomb killed killed a policeman in the southern city of Adana the same day, Newspapers received phone calls claiming that Dev-Sol had carried out the on Thursday in what authorities Istanbul and Adana killings.

called the bloodiest Basque sepa-DC-10 Bomb Suspect Flees in Congo ratist attack in Spain for nearly a

BRAZZAVILLE, Congo (AP) — The police said Wednesday a key figure who linked Libya to the 1989 bombing of a UTA passenger airliner It brought to 10 the number killed in attacks by the guerrillas of ETA, Basque Homeland and Liberty, in the first five weeks of the

Bernard Yanga, a Congolese who told authorities that he helped Libyan agents smuggle the bomb that blew up the French DC-10 airline, killing all 170 people aboard, escaped Jan. 26, the police said.

Although no charges were ever brought against Mr. Yanga, who underwent paramilitary training for Muslim youths in Libya, he was being held as a key witness in the case. The Brazzaville police chief, Etienne Goma, said Mr. Yanga escaped when he was allowed to leave his summer Olympic Games in Barcolong and the World's Fair in Seville. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the cell at a police station unescorted to buy food and drinks. The chief The bomb, packed with about 40 kilograms (85 pounds) of explodeplored the laxity of his officers. sives and shrapnel, was triggered by remote control and destroyed a

Kashmiri Militants Defy a Warning

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - A Kashmiri militant leader said Thursday that his followers would die storming a cease-fire line in the disputed Himalayan state next week if Indian troops opened fire on them.

The chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, Amanul-

of the morning rush hour near a military administrative building lah Khan, said at a news conference that 50,000 to 100,000 unamed and close to the town hall in the old people would storm the United Nations-monitored cease-fire line-Tuesday to express solidarity with militants fighting India's rule over two-thirds of Kashmir. Prime Minister Felipe González branded the guerrillas disgusting

India has warned Pakistan, which controls the remaining third, that its security forces would resist the march. In a statement that seemed aimed at reducing tension, a Poreign Ministry spokesman in Islamabad said that Pakistan did not support the front's plan.

Shooting Reported in Algerian City

ALGIERS (AP) - Sporadic gunfire was reported Thursday during new clashes between Algerian security forces and Muslim fundamentalists in the eastern city of Batna, where three days of fighting have claimed abandon any hope that they're go-ing to get any results from this bloody blackmail that they're tryat least 11 lives.

French radio, meanwhile, reported that the military-dominated government in Algiers has banned a national march called by fundamentalist leaders to protest the crackdown on their movement.

Batna, a city of 200,000 people 435 kilometers (270 miles) east of Algiers, was cut off from the rest of the country. Residents contacted by telephone reported that gunfire was heard about noon as hundreds of youths chanted slogans against the government and threw rocks at police and soldiers. The Batna clashes have been the most violent since the government banned politics from Algeria's 10,000 mosques last month,

3 Out of 4 See a Cover-Up on JFK

NEW YORK (AP) - Three out of four Americans believe these was an official cover-up to keep the public from knowing the truth about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, a CBS-New York Times

Those who think there was a cover-up increased from 61 percent in a similar survey in 1988. The poll takers said the increase could be attributed to people who had seen the movie "JFK" and to adults under the age of 30 who are too young to remember the 1963 assassination and have been skeptical about the theory that Lee Harvey Osmald acted

The poll was based on telephone interviews Jan. 22-25 of a random sample of 1,231 adults. The margin of error was plus or minus 3

For the Record

Two Turkish railroad workers were killed Thursday in an avalanche in an area that has seen 142 deaths in snowslides since Saturday, the Anatolian news agency reported. The men were killed while doing track

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The population of Brazil has reached 146,155 million, according to the 1991 census, but its annual growth rate has slowed since 1950. The rate was 1.89 percent in the 1980s, compared with 3.17 in the 50s, 2.76 percent in the '60s and 2.48 percent in the '70s, the Institute of Geography and Statistics reported.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Cyprus Airways will be the only commercial air link between the Mediterranean island and Saudi Arabia after Saudia canceled its two weekly flights, which had been suspended during the Gulf War. Cyprus Airways will offer twice-weekly flights to Jidda and to Riyadh. (AFP)

Italy is considering building a major highway to Hungary through Slovenia, an Italian government spokesman said Thursday. He said Prime Minister Ginlio Andreotti had discussed the idea with the visiting Slovenian prime minister, Lojze Peterle, on Tuesday.



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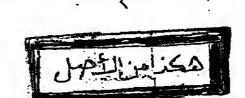
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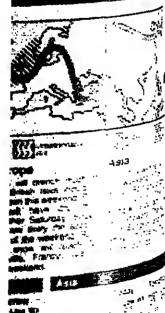
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Foreign vs. Domestic Policy, Presidential vs. Congressional Clout: Balances Shift

By R.W. Apple Jr.

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — With the Cold War's end, the whole terrain of American politics is undergoing fundamental change, from the kinds of issues that preoccupy voters and candidates to the balance between Congress and the White House to the relative strength of the

Republican and Democratic parties.

The evidence is just beginning to come in.
But it seems probable that the presidency will lose some of the clout it has won at the expense of Capitol Hill over the past four decades, that domestic affairs will resume their normal place at the center of American politics and that the Republican Party will have difficulty sustaining

All that and more probably lies ahead, even though for all but the oldest Americans it is hard to imagine American politics without the

"It was the defining issue in our political discourse and public policy from 1947 until last year," said Richard Holbrooke, a former assistant secretary of state. "It made 'national security the justification for everything—the inter-state highway system, the National Defense Education Act, the Vietnam War, the foreign

"J. William Fulbright used it to sell his schol-arships and J. Edgar Hoover used it to sell his

As the nation turned virulently anti-Commu-nist, socialism in all its forms was shunned. Programs such as national health care and broader trade-union rights nearly vanished from the screen of American politics. With rare exceptions, such as in 1968, almost every successful national politician stood in the center or

Every president from Harry Truman to George Bush — Democrats such as Lyndon B. Johnson and Jimmy Carter as well as Republi-cans such as Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan — sought to toe the hard line.

The hard anti-Communist stance became as institutionalized at the White House as "Hail to the Chief" and the officer carrying the briefcase holding the nuclear-weapons codes. But now all that has changed, and there could be no better evidence than the opening weeks of

this years' presidential campaign. Except for Mr. Bush, none of the candidates have any significant foreign-policy credentials, and the rest of them are attacking the president for his. A governor, a former governor, two senators, a former senator and a newspaper columnist constitute the field of challengers. For the first time in decades, knowledge of the rest of the

ways provincialism may even be an asset. In other years, hopefuls like Michael S. Dukakis or Mr. Carter who had spent their careers with prominent foreign-policy advisers and

world seems to count for very little. In some

called foreign-policy conferences to show they

But this time, no one is even bothering. Indeed, the president's challengers are trying, with varying degrees of emphasis, to turn Mr. Bush's lifelong fascination with foreign affairs into a liability, a sign of his indifference to America's everyday concerns.

Less than a year ago, America's resounding military victory in Kuwait and Iraq sent Mr.

Fifth in a series

Bush's national approval ratings to record highs and led many politicians to conclude that he would be unbeatable this year. Now all that seems irrelevant, and the president, in his State of the Union address last week and in his campaign commercials, is struggling to demonstrate that foreign affairs are not his only inter-

Senator Tom Harkin, Democrat of Iowa, echoed a significant segment of national opinion with a remark he made at the very beginming of his presidential campaign in September.

"If you want to continue to spend \$160 billion of your money to defend Europe from the Soviet Union, or whatever it's called now, take your ballot and put it in the Bush box," he said. "But if you believe that Europe is strong enough and rich enough and powerful enough

to defend itself if it wants, then take your ballot and put it in the Democrats' box."

Four years ago, neither Senator Harkin nor any other major Democrat would have said that, kind of thing. Mr. Dukakis rode around in a tank with a helmet on to show he was not soft. With the Soviet threat still intact, or thought to be, solidarity with the European affics was considered absolutely central. Almost every president made a pilgnimage to the Berlin Wall.

This year, several Democrats have put out

detailed foreign policy position papers, and Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, the early leader, made a point of warning against "retreating from the world or discounting its dan-

But the only foreign policy topic on which the Democratic candidates have spent much time so far has been trade, especially trade with Japan. Some bash Japan and some do not. But all, like Mr. Bush, have tried to turn that global issue into a domestic challenge. If the presi-dent's trip to Japan was about "jobs, jobs, jobs" in the United States, the Democrats talk about the same thing in hard-hit New Hampshire.

Little is said about China or Croatia or Criba. And Patrick J. Buchanan, Mr. Bush's main Republican rival, unashamedly reaches back to the 1930s for the key phrase of his insurgent nationalist campaign - "America First," with

its isolationist overtooes.

All through the Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Bush years, the glue that bonded Republican to

Republican was opposition to communism and higher taxes. Now one is moot and the other, at least in Mr. Buchanan's view, has been discarded by the president in his decision to increase

No one expects Mr. Buchanan to defeat Mr. Bush. But his candidacy is evidence that the old, divisive struggle between the two wings of the Republican Party is resuming. In 1952, that struggle pitted the isolationists against the internationalists, the Taft forces against the Eisenhower forces.

At the tumultuous San Francisco convention in 1964, it was the Goldwater wing versus the Rockefeller wing. But in the 24 years since then, has been the Republicans' ability to remain unified, in part around Cold War themes, that has been a major element in the party's success Paul Weyrich, a prominent conservative or-ganizer, remarked that now "there's at least a

real danger that in 1992 conservative Republicans may go their own way, and if that's the case the Republicans may be in real trouble."
George Christian, a Texas political consultant who worked in the Johnson White House, asserted that the Republicans would be in deep difficulty already if the Democrats were in a

stronger position. If Congress, long controlled by the Demo-crats, "didn't have such an awful reputation, and if the Democrats had some heavy hitters running for president, all the people ready to vote against Bush would have someplace to go,

which they don't have now." The public is apparently not eager to turn back to the isolationism of the 1920s and 1930s. A New York Times/CBS News poll in October showed that while many Americans thought Mr. Bush should pay more attention to the economy, most were by no means ready to revert to the classic American isolationism of Hiram John-

son and William Borah. About two-thirds of those surveyed agreed that the United States needed a strong military, despite the end of the Cold War, and that it should keep playing as active a role in the world

In any event, American disengagement from the world in an era of instantaneous communication and international markets and investments is widely considered impractical. In the heyday of isolationism, few Americans bought many foreign products and even fewer traveled

abroad.

Isolationism is not really possible in the modern world, and some Americans are leaning that way now only because of the recession, in the view of John Bibby, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin.

"My own notion is that the slow pace of the economic recovery has exacerbated domestic problems and concerns in the public's mind," he said. "But if and when the economy rights

itself, this will change. NEXT: The new priorities of American foreign

House to Investigate Reagan on Hostages

By Martin Tolchin New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — After an in-tensely partisan debate, the House of Representatives has voted to investigate accusations that Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign struck a deal with Iran in 1980 to delay release of American hostages until after the election.

The vote of 217 to 192, with no

Republican voting for the measure and 34 Democrats opposing it, cleared the way late Wednesday for the creation of a congressional task force to conduct the investigation. The task force would deliver its preliminary findings to the House

"We owe it to the hostages, we owe it to the American people and we owe it to history to set the re-cord straight, if we can," said Rep-resentative David E. Bonior of Michigan, the majority whip. Although President George Bush

and Mr. Reagan have said they

Draft Deferment Helped Clinton, **Newspaper Says**

NEW YORK - Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, the Democeived a deferment for two months during the Vietnam War to join a reserve officers' training course but did not enroll. The Wall Street

Journal reported Thursday. Soon after he received the exemption, Mr. Clinton changed his mind and subjected himself to the draft, classified 1-A, or fit for military service, the Journal reported. He drew a high number in the draft lottery and was not called into the

Mr. Clinton said Thursday he gave up the deferment "because I didn't think it was right." The Journal said Mr. Clinton's exemption from the draft was during September and October of 1969. On Oct. 30 he was reclassified draft-eligible and on Dec. 1 he drew No. 311 in the lottery, based on his birth date, the Journal said. No one with a number higher than 195 was called.

tion, congressional Republicans criticized the proposal, contending that the investigation would waste money that could better be spent on job programs and other measures to aid the economy.

The House speaker, Thomas S. Foley, said it was unfortunate that the issue had become partisan.

Mr. Foley, Democrat of Washington, was initially reluctant to undertake the investigation, fearing that it would be considered a ploy to gain advantage to this year's election. Although Demo-crats could reap political benefits if the accusations could be proved, they risk public derision if the investigation should prove futile.

Nor are the Republicans without risk. They face public scorn if investigators discover a link between the Reagan campaign and a delay in the release of the hostages. Back in 1980, the Republicans feared that President Jimmy Carter

would announce in October - just before the presidential election and with great jubilation — that an agreement with Iran had been reached to free the American hostages, giving rise to the term "Octo-ber surprise."

The investigation, to be led by Representative Lee-H. Hamilton, the Indiana Democrat who was cochairman of the House-Senate panscandal, could be complicated. The accusations concern events

that occurred more than a decade ago, and some witnesses have credibility problems because they operate in the shadowy worlds of arms dealing and intelligence. Democrats seek a low-key investigation, without a televised public hearing. Last fall, House Democratic leaders held unsuccessful negotiations with Republicans to try to set ground rules on procedures and the length of the investigation. The Republicans wanted the investigation to include reports that Mr. Carter had offered Iran \$150 million in weapons for the hostages' freedom. In the Senate, the Foreign Relations committee narrowly voted in October to approve an inquiry. But a bill to provide \$600,000 for the. investigation died on the Senate floor when supporters could not



BALTIC-HOPPING - Finland's foreign minister, Paavo Vayrynen, left, talking with Vice President Dan Quayle in Helsinki on Thursday, Mr. Quayle left later for Estonia and Latvia; he is to visit Lithuania on Friday. He pledged additional American aid for

Nixon's Early Forecasts for '92 Election

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In a political season of character issues and secret tapes, Richard Nixon offers some predictions. In town to talk politics, the former president forecast the 1992 election this way:

If Bill Clinton wins New Hampshire, he will roll to the Democratic nomination, unless there are new revelations. But Mr. Nixon suggested that the Clinton campaign would have to be careful about how it uses Hillary Clinton, because in general, "if the wife comes through as being too strong and too intelligent, it makes sband look like a wimp."

Mr. Nixon suggested that many Americans are still put off by a male politician who does

president allowed that unfortunately, some voters agree with Cardinal Richelien, who said, Intellect in a woman is unbecoming."

If Mr. Clinton finishes second to Paul E. Tsongas, there will be agitation for a new candidate because, as Mr. Nixon noted dryly, "Tsongas is too responsible to be nominated by the

Just as a write-in campaign in New Hampshire may have helped to save his vice presidency in 1956, when some Republicans were talking about dropping him from the Eisenhower ticket. Mr. Nixon mused about the write-in campaign for Governor Mario M. Cuomo.

He has told friends he would relish seeing a race between George Bush and the New York

governor, whom he termed "a heavyweight."

He said that his former speechwriter, Patrick J. Buchanan, would get 28 percent of the vote in

New Hampshire. Mr. Nixon suggested that the Democrats might win the Electoral College and still lose the popular vote, titillating political science

He said the president would win the general election, although he could lose California, which would make him dependent on having a solid South, plus Ohio and Illinois - which Mr.

Nixon sees as the battlegrounds of the election. The former president said that the Republicans would gain 25 seats to the House, which will put them up to 190, and will stay even, or lose two seats, in the Senate.

Caracas Coup Effort Had Broad Support

By Douglas Farah

Washington Post Service
CARACAS — The failed military coup against President Carlos Andres Perez had broad officer support and public sympathy, and was set off by widespread government corruption and shrinking army salaries, according to analysts

and sources close to the military. The widespread backing by officers at midlevel and below for the mntiny Tuesday, as demonstrated by the arrest of 133 officers and the participation of some of the nation's most important garrisons, seemed to shock the government.

Even more telling, analysts said, was apparently widespread popu-lar support for the revolt, although almost no one said the president should have been killed, as the coup plotters apparently totended.

Coup leaders, in a proclamation read before the four known leaders of the plot were arrested, said the revolt sought to "rescue the Venezuelan people, hurt so much by politicians, demagognery and bureaucracy.

Later, hinting that more plots could be underway, Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Chavez, the pro-claimed leader, said he was giving up because "for now, our objectives could not be met."

There will be some other occa-The coup seems to have failed because the high command remained loyal to President Perez, as

did key units able to guard him and put down the widely dispersed re-A sampling from street interviews and comments made to radio

traveled and does not care about

us." Mr. Perez, who was president

from 1979 to 1984 and then elected

in 1988 to a five-year term, has

played an active role international-

call-in shows indicated that many people sympathized with the rebels, especially their call for public morality and an end to corruption. A political analyst at the Central University who knows the presi-dent said that Mr. Pérez was isolated even from his closest advisors. Pérez and the political structure are completely separate from the rest of the nation's social struc-ture," she said. "He traveled and

meeting to Switzerland when the Carlos Capriles, a prominent

conservative historian close to the military, said disgruntlement with Mr. Perez among midlevel officers had been growing for months as the president let salaries shrink while corruption to the government went Mr. Capriles and other analysts

said the officers were especially offended by the ostentatious lifestyle of the 69-year-old Mr. Perez and others close to him, including his mistress, Cecilia Matos, at a time when real incomes are falling.
"The high command and the generals are well paid, but the lower-ranking officials are fed up," said a returnd colonel. "They think

the president has no regard for them or their future. Mr. Capriles said the final straw for the rebels was Mr. Pérez's series

of contradictory statements made last month about negotiating with Colombia over territorial rights to a gulf on the Caribbean that the After initially reaffirming Vene-

zuela's right to the entire gulf and setting off a storm of protest to Colombia, Mr. Perez backtracked and announced he did not want to talk about the issue anymore. Negotiations are an anathema to the

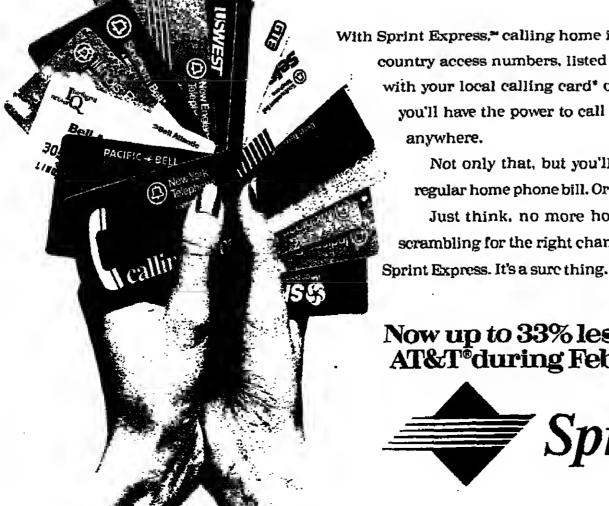
The analysts said that since the high command helped Mr. Perez escape death, the soldiers now will be in a stronger position to press their demands. "Perez will have to listen to them at least for a while," Mr. Capriles said.

25,000 Ex-Soviet Jews Seek to Go to Germany

BERLIN - About 25,000 Jews in former Soviet republics have applied to emigrate to Germany despite its Nazi past, German Jewish

officials said Thursday. Heinz Galinski, head of Germany's Jewish community of 35,000 said that Israel remained the idea destination for Soviet Jewish emigrants but that many wanted to move to Germany for personal realy and had just returned from a sons, including family ties.

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Several of the 500 returned Haitians lining up to clear immigration on Thursday in Port-au-Prince.

U.S. Ships More Haitians Home

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -The United States resumed the repatriation of more than 10,000 Hai-

tian refugees Thursday. The move followed the U.S. decision Tuesday to ease a trade embargo on Haiti. Many Haitian officials applanded the easing of the embargo, which will allow assembly plants to operate again, but backers of the deposed president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, de-

ing plastic garbage sacks of cloth-ing and other personal belongings, onto the Port-au-Prince wharf

nearby center for processing by immigration police and by the Red Cross, which supplied each one in Washington that Haiti had

A police official who was supervising the processing said the refuwere not being politically ientity check, a

Another cutter carrying 258 ref-ngees was expected later in the day. Both ships had planned to hand over the Haitians on Wednesday,

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TOKYO — Prime Minister Kiichi

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In a closely watched by election for the ispatched to resign by a ispute in parliament over the government's Miyazawa could be forced to resign by a

upper house Sunday, the Liberal Democrats would affect how they vote Sunday. dispute in parliament over the government's face unexpected trouble in Nara, where polls refusal to allow former officials to testify show their candidate running second in a three-way race.

Yasokazo Nishikazi, the Liberal Demosition legislators boycotted the Diet on Thursday for a second day, effectively blockscandals have emerged as the main campaign issue, and as a result the opposition-backed candidate stands a better chance of win- February 1990. The political turmoil could also hurt the

With almost daily disclosures of political governing Liberal Democratic Party in elections in July for half the seats in the upper scandals, some of them reaching into the house of parliament, the House of Council- entourage of the prime minister, voter dislors. The Liberal Democrats lost their major- content has spread.

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lower-level work, with many quit-

The position of women in soci-

Funio Abe, antil recently treasurer of Mr. Miyazawa's faction in the Liberal Democratic Party, was formally charged Saturday with accepting 80 million yen (\$635,000) in bribes crats' campaign manager for Nara, said: from the Kyowa Co., a now-bankrupt prop-"We sense a storm coming. The corruption erty developer. He is alleged to have done Kyowa favors while serving as regional development minister from August 1989 to

> Media reports say that Mr. Abe had Kyowa pass large sums of money to other Liberal Democrats, most of them in the Miyazawa faction and reportedly including a former prime minister, Zenko Suzuki.

Opposition Builds Pressure on Miyazawa to Quit Opposition parties have threatened to pur-sue a new scandal involving the possible bribery of top politicisms by former officials of Tokyo Sagawa Kyubin, a company that has been linked to a powerful crime synd-

"The scandals hit at the very center of the ruling party, which needs huge amounts of money to win and keep votes," said Kazuyasu Hamaue, campaign manager for Yukihisa Yoshida, the apparent from runner in

Many members of parliament say that the impasse could threaten the budget's passage possibly forcing Mr. Miyazawa to reagn if approval is not forthcoming by April

WORK: By Some Labor Yardsticks, It's Japan That Has to Catch Up

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about bribery scandals to which they have

To protest the government's refusal, oppo-

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the boycott would continue.

than that reported to the Labor Ministry. About 25 percent of Japanese said they were not paid for

Not only do Japanese work longer hours, they also must work more days of the year. With schools and government offices staying open many Sainrdays, Japanese averaged only 114 days off during 1989, compared with 132 in the United

Moreover, the average Japanese is absent because of illness three days per year, half the U.S. average, according to the Japanese La-

bor Ministry.

Despite the longer hours, Japanese earn less as measured in real terms. According to figures com-piled by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, adjusted to account for purchasing power parity in 1990, gross domestic product per capita in America was \$21,449 compared

with \$17,634 in Japan. There is also a greater gender gap ety and the home, although signifi-in pay and access to senior posi-cantly improved during the last few

tions in Japan than in the United decades, continues to reflect deep-States. In Japanese companies em-seated traditional values which as-States. In Japanese companies em-seated traditional values which as-ploying more than 30 employees in sign women to a subordinate role." ploying more than 30 employees in 1990, men earned twice as much as the U.S. State Department said rewomen. In smaller companies, av- cently in a report on Japan.

Many U.S. economists agree erase pay was lower and the differwith Mr. Miyazawa's comment that a flight to high-paying jobs on Wall Street in the 1980s by some of America's brightest minds took a toll on industrial productivity. But In the United States in 1991, women earned about two-thirds as much as men. Among managers and professionals, men took home an average weekly check of \$741. as Mr. Miyazawa conceded, the compared with \$519 for women. same trend was seen in Japan, if to The gap was slightly narrower in a lesser extent, during the late the services, with men earning \$320

against \$243 for women. At the time, high technology companies such as Matsushita Women play a greater role in the labor force in America than in Ia-Electric Industrial; Hitachi and pan: They make up 52 percent of Sony found themselves having to the U.S. work force, versus 40 perpay higher salaries to woo engineering graduates attracted to In recent years, Japanese women have begun to creep into manageri-

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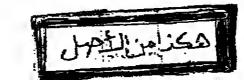
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a pageant rehearsal on July 18.

"She told me Mike Tyson had asked her out, and I said, 'Are you going?' And she said very excitedly, 'Yes, of course! This is Mike Tyson. He's got o lot of money. He's dumb,' "Ms. 3 On cross-examination, she said she might Whittington said. Sec. 25 have told prosecutors that she merely had the يهم ر

she received a lucrative settlement.

Eleven people on the ground were confirmed dead, said Rick Woods, the Vanderburgh County chief deputy coroner. All five crew The wing was sticking out of the back of the JoJo's at first," he said.
"But since then it must have melted through the window." members perished, according to David Altom, public affairs spokesman for the National down because we can't see it." Guard The 24-hour restaurant and mo-No more victims were expected to be found at the scene, Mr. Woods said at a news conference. The Lockheed C-130 transport

tel are on the highway about a mile (about a kilometer and a half) from the Evansville Regional Airport.

In the 14-nour restaurant and motion with the door, the said.

Walls were falling in, steel was all over the place. One cook was knocked down, tried to get up to

Sandy Appler, director of mar-get back to the dish washer and just home to some 6,400 southern Viet-

night clothes.

of the fire.

The fire at the Indianapolis Athletic Club

killed two fire fighters and a 71-year-old guest,

and injured 12 others. The 15 jurors were un-

Bush Touts 'Common-Sense' Plan on Health Care

By Ann Devroy

CLEVELAND -- President George Bush. lambasting Democratic health care proposals as "a cure worse than the disease," on Thursday unveiled his election-year alternative, which he said would "preserve what works and reform what doesn't" in the medical care system rather than fundamentally

In o speech before the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, a business group, Mr. Bush painted a grim portrait of massive tax increases and long waits for care if Congress adopted either oational health insurance or firms to provide insurance or pay into a

Instead, Mr. Bush offered what he called a "common-sense plan" huilt around tax credits to help those who lack insurance pay for it; he also offered changes aimed at hringing down the costs of insurance and

Mr. Bush's proposal immediately came under fire, because it did not include a detailed plan for paying for it, and because the White House has no specific legislative pro-

The president has offered to "work with Congress" while rejecting all the major Democratic options and refusing to lay claim to "play or pay" plans, which would require any of the ways of paying for the plan. The major elements of the plan, which the

• Tax credits and deductions to help those at and below middle-income levels pay for ingurance.

Both the credit and the deduction would be available for health insurance costs of up to \$250 for individuals, \$2,500 for married couples and \$3,750 for families.

Individuals with taxable gross income below \$50,000 or married couples earning less than \$80,000 would get some level of credit. Employer contributions to health care would reduce or eliminate the credit or deduction under the proposal.

• Insurance market restructuring. The White House plan offers a set of proposals aimed at making insurance more accessible, of medical care.

government fund that would cover the unin-sured. White House estimates will cost \$100 billion over five years, include: cancellation less likely, premiums lower and availability more likely.

 Cost containment. The Bush proposals includes changes in malpractice law to lower the cost of such cases and insurance to cover it. Standardized claim forms for use nationwide are being developed to curb handling costs. Incentives would be offered for states to use health maintenance and other managed care programs which offer coordinated care. Washington would allow states to redesign their health care programs without some of the mandates now in place.

The proposal comes two years after Mr. Bush called for a government study of the problem of the 35 million Americans who lack health insurance and the escalaring cost

Ex-Soviets to Disable Non-Russian Missiles by '95

By R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The former Soviet republics with nuclear weapons have agreed that all of the ouclear-tipped strategic missiles outside Russia will be disabled within three years and eliminated within seven years, senior Bush administration officials have disclosed.

The pledge means that strategic, or long-range, missiles currently deployed in Kazakhstan, Belarus and Ukraine are to be destroyed by the end of the decade, the officials said. At that point, only Russia will have ballistic missiles capable of striking the United States from ternitory of the former Soviet Union.

Although the officials did not take credit for the pledge, the achievement has been a major U.S. goal since the breakup of the Soviet Union last year. It has been a focus of three visits to the former republies by U.S. officials hoping to preouclear states oo former Soviet ter-

The new Commonwealth of Independent States, which consists of of the 15 former Soviet republics, had already agreed in December to transfer to Russia by July all Visiting in A tactical, or short-range, ouclear weapons from other former republies. That accord, together with the He was received for only a few oewly disclosed pledge, means that minutes by Mr. Mitterrand and all remaining Soviet ouclear arms was rudely lectured on democracy eventually will be deployed in only by a French Socialist leader at the

mittee, saying that Russian au- and has lodged him and his delega-thorities had informed him of it in tion in the splendor of the Grand Moscow last month.

A senior State Department offi-Russian plan.

meant that the former Soviet republics would "eliminate modern SS-18s and SS-24s that they had

planned to keep."
A total of 104 SS-18 ballistic missiles, carrying 1,040 ouclear war-heads, are deployed in Kazakhstan, while 248 SS-24, SS-25 and SS-19 missiles with a total of 1,312 strategic warheads are deployed io Ukraine and Belarus, according to

U.S. and Commoowealth tallies. The reported plan goes beyond

climinate all strategic arms on its territory by 1994, as well as Kazakhstan's general promise 10 abide by provisions of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty signed by U.S. and Soviet officials last year, officials said. It is "more specific" than anything stated previously by offi-

Department official said. The U.S. disclosure followed mooths of speculation about

cials on either side, a senior State

Mr. Bartholomew said this Ukraine's pledge Dec. 30 at a Com- whether Kazakhstan would surren- stan," suggesting that pressing the neant that the former Soviet re- monwealth meeting in Minsk to der its missiles. The uncertainty government there might induce it was fueled in part by conflicting press reports about whether the

former Soviet republic planned to declare itself a nonnuclear state. Asked in an interview Friday about the elimination of SS-18 missiles in Kazakhstan, Marshal Yev- road cars to Russia. It is also congeni I. Shaposhnikov, armed forces sideriog ways to help store chief of the Commonwealth, said phuonium recovered from ouclear the issue was being resolved. But he weapons and modify weapons-

Mr. Bartholomew said that the administration was considering ers and special high-security railwarned against making "any hulla-baloo in the press about Kazakh-civilian ouclear reactors.

VISIT: Yeltsin Seeks Urgent Aid

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investment by our firms," she said.
"These will not be forthcoming in Russia unless a framework is established to protect their presence," While Mr. Yeltsin has signaled that he oow measures friendship in vent the emergence of independent terms of economic aid, President François Mitterrand is clearly anxious to establish strong political oes with the Russian leader in or-

> Visiting in April as the leader of the opposition to Mr. Gorbachev, Mr. Yeltsin was publicly slighted; by a French Socialist leader at the ropean Parliament.

der to wipe away memories of the

misunderstandings that marked his

Undersecretary of State Reginal Bartholomew disclosed the plan to eliminate long-range missiles in testimony Wednesday to the Senate Armed Services Compared and care mony — "like a care," as one Paris daily put it —

Trianon palace at Versailles. Mr. Yeltsin has, in turn, diplocial said later that leaders of the matically brushed aside the meleother three nuclear-armed repub- gant treatment he was given last lics had separately told Mr. Bar-spring. On arrival Wednesday, he tholomew that they agreed with the preferred to recall that Mr. Mitterrand had telephoned him in Mos- Delaware.

cow at the height of the failed coup attempt io August to expresa

France's solidarity.

During their talks, Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Yelisin, who are to sign a broad friendship treaty Friday, have dwelt extensively on questions of ouclear disarmament, both the need to limit existing arsenals and to insure adequate controls over nuclear weapons stationed in former Soviet republics. At Thursday's hunch, Mr. Yeltsin

said that Russia would reduce its ouclear weapons stock to "a minimum force sufficient to deter terrorists and irresponsible leaders." To France's relief, though, he has not pressed Mr. Mitterrand to dismantle this country's smaller nuclear deterrent force.

■ Delay in U.S. Food Aid

Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d has acknowledged that emergency food aid is oot getting to the people of the former Soviet Union fast enough, The Associated Press reported from Washington. He blamed mechanical problems.

"We recognize there is a need to accelerate deliveries of food and medicine," Mr. Baker told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee under questioning by Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of

CIRCLES: Soviet Space Odyssey

(Continued from page 1) years ago to a fanfare of propaga

da trumpets. But the National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-tration showed little interest, and oothing came of the overtures.

The space agency can now barely afford to send supply craft outside the Earth's atmosphere to keep Mr. Krikalev and a fellow cosmonant, Sergei Volkov, who arrived in Oc-tober, stocked with hreakfasts, lunches and dinners. Requests for anything remotely exotic can be a major problem. When Mr. Krikalev developed a craving for lemons last autumn, missioo control was unable to find any in state shops. The Austrian cosmonaut, Franz Fiebek, saved the day by buying some lemons in a special hard-currency shop geared to the oeeds of Western tourists. He brought them up in October.

Glavkosmos managed to round up some of its own lemons to send on the latest supply mission, which docked with the space station last week. It also sent up generous por-tions of horseradish and onions but was unable to satisfy Mr. Krikalev's latest craving — for honey.
"It is difficult to get high-quality

honey," said Valeri Polyakov, dep-nty, director of the Medical and Biological Institute in charge of

space menus, "We used to get honey from the former Soviet republics, but they have stopped deliveries. This is not our fault."

A former cosmonaut himself, Mr. Polyakov told Tass that he was sympathetic to Mr. Krikalev's plight. He conceded that the lack of vitamins could complicate the cosmonaut's "rehabilitation" when he finally returns, but he denied reports by ham radio operators that Mr. Krikalev is in bad health.

Uoder normal circumstances Mir would not be such a bad place for a Russian to find himself stranded, offering better facilities than the average Moscow apart-ment block. Designed to accommo-date as many as 12 cosmonants, it includes individual sleeping compartments, home video equipment, a shower and a gym.

It oow seems that the earliest date that Mr. Krikalev can expect to reach his oew homeland - Russia -- is next month.

Tory to Head Euroassembly

Parliamentary Assembly.

STRASBOURG, France - Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, a British Conservative, has been elected president of the Council of Europe's

CIA: Congress Proposes a Shake-Up in Spy Community 22d Victim intelligence budget in the government, would be abol-(Continued from page 1) ished or downgraded.

ANGER IN EAST JERUSALEM - A Palestinian being arrested in East Jerusalem on

Thursday during a march to demonstrate against the death of a Palestinian man in an Israeli prison. Opposition members of parliament called for an independent investigation into the death of the man, Mustafa Abdallah Akawi. Members of his family have alleged that he was tortured.

KURDS: Guerrillas' Dream Is Dying Amid Disarray

basically restrict the agency to clandestine operations.

The head of the agency would have the rank of deputy to the new overall intelligence chief.

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Paghdad. But the insurgency was crushed by Mr.

Saddam's army.

Now most of the 4 million Iraqi Kurds live in a security zone set up by the United States and its Gulf War allies, just south of the zone in areas held by

The security zone, which includes most of Iraq

north of the 36th parallel, was established in April to

persuade 1.5 million Kurds who had fled to Turkey

Since the creation of the zone, the leaders of eight

rebel groups have run northern Iraq through the

Kurdistan Front. But internal bickering, especially between the two main rebel factions, Mr. Barzani's

Kardistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union

of Kurdistan, run by Jalal Talabani, has made the

Each party making up the front has veto power, which means that few decisions are made. Local mili-

tia commanders, especially in the valleys cut off by

beavy blizzards and avalanches, run large sections of

Part of the problem is that Kurdish leaders have

been reluctant to proclaim an independent state, with all the bureaucratic and civil service machinery that

entails, for fear of alienating Turkey and Iran, whose open borders are now, with the tight Iraqi blockade,

Tinkey, which is fighting its own Kurdish separatist movement, and Iran, which has a large Kurdish popu-lation, fear that the creation of an independent Kurd-

ish state in Iraq could fan separatist movements within

In Iraq the Kurds oo longer have a working tele-

exercise of central authority almost impossible.

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and Iran that they could safely return home.

"They would be kind of the Marines of the intelligence community," Mr. Boren said of the new CIA. He said the proposed scup would also end the tradi-tional domination of the CIA's clandestine operations division over its intelligence-analysis staff.

• Consolidate intelligence collection efforts by the

rest of the community under another deputy director who would have authority over military and civilian agencies. This deputy's domain would include o new national imagery agency — which would have charge of planning, building and operating photographic satellites — and the existing National Security Agency.

The security agency, which intercepts communica-

tions throughout the world, would for the first time be able to build and operate its satellites under this plan. In turn, the National Reconnaissance Office, an air force agency that builds and operates photo and the army and former director of the electronic intelligence satellites and has the higgest Agency, according to Mr. Boren.

 Pluck intelligence spending now in the Pentagon budget, except for funds committed to the military for tactical purposes, and assign it to the new director of national intelligence to spend. Currently, the director of central intelligence serves as the overall head of U.S. intelligence but has only nominal authority over the national muelligence budget, most of which goes to Pentagoo agencies.

communication system and spend days isolated from

one another because of impassable roads. The rebel

groups have squandered their scant resources to set up

competing institutions - everything from military

organizations and humanitarian groups to radio

The Kurdish groups have agreed to hold elections on April 3 to elect ooe leader and a Kurdish parlia-

ment in the hopes of establishing order. But the

decision to hold elections has only exacerbated the

told to wait mitil after the elections," a rebel official

said. "As if we have time."

"Now every time we want to make a decision we are

Iraqi forces, which moved oorth against several

Kurdish villages in November, have dug in and mined

a front line that roughly corresponds to their known

oil reserves in the north. This line includes the refiner-

ies in the city of Mosul, which is inside the allied

Refugees has decided to pull out of northern Iraq in

April and is to be followed in June by the team of

allied military observers and the remaining UN agen-cies. This means that the Kurds may soon find them-

selves facing the Baghdad government alone.

About 300,000 civil servants, including teachers and

police officers, for the most part remain at their jobs in

the region, although they have oot received salaries

from the Baghdad government for three months. Most

are Kurds who have oow pledged their allegiance to

But the United Nations High Commissioner for

"Our governing process is paralyzed," Mr. Barzani

Mr. Boren said he had spoken with President George Bush about the proposals and had emphasized that they should be considered the beginning of a dialogue and were likely to undergo "many modifica-

nons along the way." "I don't regard it as written in stone," Mr. Boren said. "It is not our purpose to pass a bill, send it to the White House and have it rejected by the president."

Many of the ideas in the congressional plan came from William E. Odom, a retired lieutenant general in the army and former director of the National Security

In Fire in

HONG KONG - Police searching a charred but for clues after an arson attack Tuesday at a Hong Kong camp for Vietnamese refugees on Thursday found the burned body of a child, which brought the death toll to 22.

charges of murder and arson. The victims, northern Victnam-

esc, were burned to death after a gang of southerners pushed burn-ing blankets through windows and under the roof of their tin but.

saw more than 10 people blocking the exit from the blazing structure. Police found the child's body

They said they were satisfied that

there were no more bodies. The clash was the worst in a series of violent incidents that have hit Hong Kong'a refugee camps since Vietnamese started fleeing their country in 1975.

The Sek Kong camp was quiet on Thursday after the police finished moving the remainder of its 2,500

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The restaurant manager, Dennis

"I got up and everyone was run-

ning toward the door," he said. northerners to an island camp out-

Hong Kong Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

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charged 92 camp inmates with rioting in connection with the disturhance Tuesday, and the police said that some of the defendants faced

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impression that Mr. Tyson's accuser wanted to tion caused by a fatal fire at the hotel where the be like Ms. Givens but had never actually said jury was sequestered. The Associated Press INDIANAPOLIS - The beauty pageant contestant who accuses Mike Tyson of rape

said she wanted to go out with him because he tioned only her impression, rather than the was rich and dumb, another contestant testified at the boxer's trial Thursday. remarks she heard, because she was frightened "You see what Robin Givens got out of him," Madelyn Whittington recalled the woman as saying moments after Mr. Tyson asked and did not want to get involved. She also said that later, at the pageant's opening ceremonies, Mr. Tyson addressed several contestants by saying, "You want to come to my room? You want to party? I know I'm not her for a date during the Miss Black America going to get nothing, bot I'm going to ask The former heavyweight champion divorced

Miss Givens, an actress, in 1988, after an eight-She could not say, however, that Mr. Tyson's month marriage. Press reports at the time said accuser heard his remarks. The defense has contended that the woman should have known Ms. Whittington, 20, testified for the defense that she ran into Mr. Tyson's accuser in the by the fighter's behavior with the pageant con-testants that he was interested in having ser. women's toilets after the boxer had appeared at Mr. Tyson is charged with rape and criminal

> ble 60-year prison sentence. His attorneys have maintained that the woman consented to sex in his hotel suite in the predawn hours of July 19. The trial resumed after a one-day interrup-vestigation reports to a grand jury.

But Ms. Whittington explained she men-

Judge Patricia J. Gifford and trial lawvers questioned jurors for nearly three hours about whether they were too shaken or fearful to continue serving because of Wednesday's pre-dawn fire, which forced them to flee in their

Judge Gifford excused one juror from service, citing his state of mind, and replaced him with an alternate. Courtroom security was tightened with the addition of a walk-through metal detector. Federal investigators helped investigate the cause

"All the preliminary indications are, this was

not arson." a fire official said. "But I do think it

deviate conduct. If convicted, he faces a possiis important for the people of this community and the families of the victims to know that no sione was unturned." He said he would submit the completed in-

Plane Hits Indiana Motel, Killing 16 JoJo's restaurant and the north side airport, said the plane was making of the Drury Inn. A tower of black smoke was visible for miles.

airport, said the plane was making "touch-and-go" training maneuvers at the airport. During those The Associated Press EVANSVILLE, Indiana - A military transport plane on a prac-tice flight crashed into a restaurant and motel Thursday, killing 16 peosmoke was visible for miles. "It came over the service station

Herald Eribune.

The Right Line on Israel

for \$10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees. Israel has sought the guarantees for a valid purpose: to raise money for the absorption of Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union. The hitch has been Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's massive expansion of Israeli settlements on the West Bank and in Gaza. These settlements are designed to strengthen Israel's hold on the disputed territories, thereby undermining a Washingtonpromoted Middle East peace initiative.

Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d is rightly demanding that Israel halt building of new settlements as a condition for receiving U.S. loan guarantees. At the same time he offers a face-saving concession. Israel would be able to complete the housing units already being built. No U.S. funds would support this construction; the United States would deduct from each year's guarantees an amount matching expenditures on roads and

housing in the disputed territories.

As Thomas Friedman of The New York Times reports, no final bargain is expected before the impending Israeli elections. For now, Mr. Baker has quietly outlined a position that Americans can support and that Mr. Shamir can oppose only at some political risk. Assuming that crucial details on what constitutes a "housing unit" can be resolved, the proposed compromise can improve the chances for peace. Pressed by his hard-line flank, Mr. Sha-

The Bush administration is fashioning a mir has strenuously resisted any freeze on new settlements. Yet only this week, the prime minister conceded that Washington has a right to lay down conditions on how loan guarantee money is spent. And visiting leaders of American Jewish organizations recently warned Mr. Shamir that Israel will have to choose between loan guarantees and settlements.

Americans are broadly sympathetic with Israel's need to provide jobs and housing for as many as 400,000 immigrants from former Soviet lands. But this is primarily an Israeli interest. If Israel fails to absorb the immigrants effectively, it will have lost a historic opportunity to strengthen its economy and society and to perform its self-

assigned role as a haven for Jewish refugees.

Mr. Baker still faces the tricky task of closing loopholes in any final loan-guarantee agreement that might allow Israeli authorities to multiply housing units on existing settlements. This has been Housing Minister Ariel Sharon's past strategy for hiding the extent of settlement activity.

But the argument is only narrowly about loan guarantees or West Bank settlements. More fundamentally at stake is Israel's willingness to make reciprocal concessions to the Palestinians at a rare moment when peace is no longer an impossible dream. By pressing for an achievable compromise on loan guarantees. Washington can hale this difficult peace process forward. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

China Bears the Burden

The U.S. Congress can yet help rescue some of China's most valorous political prisoners and halt some of Beijing's most reckless arms sales. This prospect is embodied in a trade proposal reconfigured by Representative Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat of California, in order to ensure the voting numbers that could override a presidential veto. Her bill streamlines the conditions for China's retention of most-favored-nation trading status, requiring Beijing to (1) re-lease the estimated 1,000 prisoners still imprisoned from the 1989 Tiananmen massacre, (2) stop selling any missiles to Syria and Iran and (3) show "progress," as determined by the president, on other human rights, proliferation and trade issues. The House approved this bill by a margin of 409 to 21. Now it is the Senate's turn.

The president protests that congressional application of "sweeping" conditions to most-favored-nation status might tempt the Communist dictators to forgo the \$15 billion advantage China enjoys in its American trade. And its loss of that status would inflict hardship and remove the modernizing stimulus that it provides to reform entrepreneurs.

But the Pelosi conditions are not "sweeping." They have been much reduced and modified from what was there before. The prospect of American trade — the \$15 billion hard-currency profit — ought to give Chinese authorities incentive to pay the price in

prisoners released and missiles not sold.

The old bill asked too much and finally fell short because Congress was reluctant to push that far. The new bill asks for less but for something worth having - and puts the prize within a calculating Chinese government's political reach.

ernment's political reach.

The president should embrace such a bill for its promise of serving both his national interest goals and his human rights goals. Mr. Bush keeps saying that the United States cannot influence Beijing if it "isolates" Beijing. But it plays directly into the Communist leadership's hands to depict every congressional effort to condition most reverse chartened trading status as "isolatere" China. tional trading status as "isolating" China. The Senate, in approving the House bill and rendering it veto-proof, can leave the burden of deciding whether China is isolated or engaged where it ought to be - on Beijing.

Revive the Ozone Agenda

as well as other parts of the Northern Hemisphere. That gives Mr. Bush a compelling personal reason to regain the initiative on an issue of global importance.

Two weeks ago, detectors aboard a converted spy plane flying over New England and Eastern Canada recorded the highest level of chlorine monoxide, an ozone-destroying chemical, ever measured anywhere around the globe. The level was half again as large as the amount recorded over Antarctica, the site of the infamous ozone hole discovered in October 1985,

The team of scientists who reported these findings in Washington on Monday could not predict when an ozone hole might open above North America. But they said that the level of ozono-thinning "precursors" — chlorofluorocarbons from refrigerants and aerosol sprays, as well as other chemicals might soon expose large parts of the globe to increased cancer-causing ultraviolet rays from the sun. The warnings seem cause enough for Mr. Bush to accelerate the phasing out of ozone-depleting chemicals made by U.S. manufacturers and to reconvene an international conference to strengthen existing global agreements.

The United States' record on ozone depletion has been mixed. On the plus side, it fielped produce the Montreal protocol of

The life-protecting ozone layer may now be thinning above President George Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine, later, confronted with even more alarming evidence, it agreed with other Western nations to eliminate CFCs by the year 2000. U.S. industry swiftly developed substinutes. Since then, however, the administration

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

has faltered. In 1990, developing nations asked for a modest \$20 million to convert to substitutes for CFCs. Washington refused, partly at the behest of the former White House chief of staff, John Sumunu, who feared that help on CFCs would lead to demands for greater help later to reduce gases that cause global warming. And last November, when a United Nations panel suggested that ozone depletion was occurring three times faster than previously supposed, the administration remained silent.

Senator Albert Gore, a Democrat of Tennessee, charges that the administration is ignoring the Clean Air Act, which requires the Environmental Protection Agency to speed elimination of ozone-destroying chemicals when scientific evidence indicates that current plans are inadequate. He also asks the president to reconvene the signatories of the Montreal Protocol to end production of dangerous chemicals by 1995.

These are reasonable requests. The causes have been identified. The remedies are at hand. And the issue, for Mr. Bush, is getting close to home.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The Snow on Public TV

It is not surprising that the Republican Party's right wing finds public broadcast-ing "too liberal." Public television and radio reach out to diverse audiences; they challenge convention and authority in ways that could not possibly please everyone. That is what Congress in tended when it created the system.

What is alarming is that Senate Republicans are holding up funds for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. They seem bent on pressuring it into restricting certain broadcasts.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is a private, not-for-profit organization that was authorized through the Public Broad-casting Act of 1967. The money it receives from the federal government goes to public broadcasting stations around the United States and to the development of programs that those stations buy. Government funds

make up about 15 percent of its budget; the rest is raised from other sources. Censorship of public broadcasting is unnecessary. These stations buy and show only the programs that they think are fit

For example, the Republican right complains most bitterly about a film that was plans most otherly about a him that was aired last summer on an Emmy-Award-winning program called "POV," for "point of view." The film, entitled "Tongues Untied," dealt with the effect of AIDS on gay black men and contained explicit sexual language.

But "Tongues Untied" was not forced

ou anyone. About 100 stations that usually carry "POV" rejected that episode. That is the virtue of the system; to let Americans decide locally what to watch. The Senate has no place meddling here.

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Keep Watch on Asia's Nuclear Tinderbox

K UALA LUMPUR — The risks of nuclear weapons proliferation today are greater in Asia than anywhere else. The most immediate and acute worry centers on North Korea.

But concerns are also growing about an in-creasingly complex nuclear configuration in the Central Asian republics of the former Soviet Union. The long-range weapons in Kazakhstan, for example, make it potentially the largest nuclear power in Asia.

Moscow insists that it will continue to have control over miclear arms in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. Tactical weapons are being pulled out of these republics. The strategic systems in Kazakhstan are on land occupied mainly by Russians and are still under control of commanders who take directions from Moscow. Alma Ata, it is suggested, only wants to use the nuclear issue to bargain with Russia for better trading terms and really has no aspirations to be a nuclear power.

Moscow maintains that most of the strategic systems in Kazakhstan will be eliminated under the START accord. And U.S. officials have just disclosed that all strategic missiles outside Russia are to be eliminated by the end of the decade.

But things may not turn out so smoothly, despite all the various pledges. As economic disputes between the republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States worsen and con

By Gerald Segal

tention increases over the way the borders between republics divide ethnic groups, the Kazakhs might instead opt for greater control of nuclear weapons on their soil There are thousands of tactical nuclear weapons in the Central Asian republics and strong demand for access to this hardware exists in aspiring nuclear states.

China is the only declared nuclear power in Asia at present. But India and Pakistan are, at the very least, close to becoming nuclear states. If Central Asia were to move toward a nuclear option, the need for regional arms control would be even more compelling. Tough talking by the United States, the European Community and Japan about such regional measures as a nuclearfree zone needs to be supported by tougher action on limiting aid and technology transfer to countries that refuse to cooperate.

As North Korea pursues its quest for nuclear capons as a safeguard sgainst being forced to abandon communism, there is increasing doubt elsewhere in Asia about the ability of Pyongyang and Seoul to manage the risks of conflict, despite superficial signs of progress. South Koreans are being trained by the United States on how to detect clandestine nuclear facilities in the North, But Western officials are skeptical

that international inspection will find the real nuclear weapons development centers in North Korea. The nuclear complex at Yongbyon, which has been pinpointed, may well not be the only site in the North. This Force Would Fit

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The UN Bill

By Flora Lewis

N EW YORK — The idea of a United Nations standing force to intervene where fighting threatens is not new. It was included in the UN

Charter in 1945, but it was never carried out because of the Cold War.

Now it is being cautiously revived, but on the old lines of traditional

It is still a good idea, but time and

changed circumstances show that

some changes are needed in plans for

how to go about it. President François

Mitterrand has offered for a start to

send a thousand men on 48 hours

notice and another thousand with a

goes, but it is a piecemeal approach.
Instead, the United Nations

should have a permanent core force in readiness, loyal to its flag and to no

state, then to be supplemented by national contributions, particularly

in logistics and infrastructure. And it

just so happens that a perfect base exists. It is the Gurkhas, the doughty

Nepalese units who have served with

the British Army since 1814 and giv-

en good account of themselves. There are a lot of reasons why the

Gurkhas can be the heart of the first

real world police force. A major one is

that nobody hates them, and they do

not hate any particular ethnic group, state or religion. A European force needs to be sent to Yugoslavia, but

World War II memories rule out any

contribution from Germany, Italy, maybe others. An armed team needs

to be sent to Haiti, but history would

make U.S. forces unwelcome and vari-ous Latin American forces dicey.

There are now some 7,500 well-

trained Gurkhas serving in the British Army, 1,000 in Brunes, 1,500 based in

the United Kingdom with some of

them deployed in Cyprus, Kuwait and Belize, and 5,000 in Hong Kong. When Hong Kong reverts to China in 1997, all British forces will presumably

In any case, the British Army is to

be drastically cut, including Gurkhas.
Current plans call for a reduction
down to 2,500 by the year 2000.
Those who have served 15 years will

be sent home with a pension of a little

under \$500 a year, others with some-what less. Subsistence income in Ne-

pal is figured at under \$450 a year.

Gurkhas are not expensive to hire. There are another 65,000 in the In-

dian Army, paid on a similar scale,

and no shortage of recruits eager to take on a foreign military career. They are tough fighters from the martial tribes of Nepal, a kingdom of 17.5 million. The Curichas are short, stocky

men with powerful legs, hardened by

Despite their fighting tradition

they have a reputation for being well

disciplined, doggedly loyal to their

superiors, respectful of families, not at all mean. Gurkhas do not go ber-

serk on the battlefield and commit

atrocities, as soldiers from a lot of

other countries have been known to

do in ethnic disdain or camity. Some would call them mercenaries.

and the British Army gags at the thought, pointing out that they are enlisted by agreement with the govern-

ment of Nepal. But mercenaries -

troops serving no other state — are what the United Nations needs, as the

Vatican hired Swiss guards in medi-

eval times so its protectors would be

The French Foreign Legion operates on a similar principle. Those are probably the troops Mr. Mitterrand has in mind. They were sent to fight in Desert Storm. For domestic political reasons, no conscripts could be

included in the forces that France

A Gurkha force would, as men-

tioned, need practical support and

superior officers. At present, the

under the British is licutenant colo-nel. Most are infantry, with some

engineers and signals units, none of

the high-tech rocketry, armor and aviation that overwhelmed Iraq -

but that is not what a standing UN

it needs well-trained professional

soldiers willing to go in and restore the peace, primarily in brushfire wars in difficult parts of the world. Should

they be sent without the invitation of

the host government? That is the big

political decision underlying the no-

tion of a new world order, a new

purposeful international law which puts certain principles above un-touchable national sovereignty.

If the decision is to be taken, how-

force is most likely to require.

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scat to Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

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the harsh terrain of their homeland.

have to withdraw.

week's notice. That is a help as far as it

national military contributions.

When Kim Il Sung, the North Korean president, visited Beijing some time ago, he was promised that China would not recognize South Korea until the end of 1993 if the North engaged in detente with the South and abandoned its nuclear weapons program. Mr. Kim assented to the first condition but made agreement on the sec-ond dependent on normalization of relations between the United States and North Korea, which seems a long way off.

Beijing has shown it can be helpful in putting pressure on Pyongyang. But with some Asian and Western intelligence assessments suggesting that North Korea may only be a year or so away from having a nuclear bomb, international leverage needs to be increased. The alternative may be military action by the United States and South Korea against targets in the North they suspect, but do not know for sure, are involved in a clandestine nuclear weapons program.

The writer, senior fellow at the Institute of Inter-national Strategic Studies in London and editor of The Pacific Review, is on a visit to Asia. He contributed this to the International Herald Tribune.

Japan, Too, **Could Try Hard Work**

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON —At the risk of being accused of Japan-bashing, here's a modest proposal. Before the next Japanese politician feels com-pelled to say what's wrong with Amer-ica, let him follow Robert Maynard Hutchins's advice about exercise: Lie down until the urge goes away.

The latest Japanese official to say what was on his mind about America was none other than Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa. He allowed that Americans "may lack a work ethic" and blamed some of our economic woes on college graduates flocking to Wall Street and its dizzying salaries. They produce nothing of value.

I detect a whiff of arrogance searched I feer with some reciem in

soned, I fear, with some racism in what he and some other Japanese leaders have said. No matter what their experience with America and Americans, they seem to be operating with a stereotype in mind. It is one of the lazy, pampered American whose sense of entitlement is enormous but whose contribution to the economy is slight. Often those cited are nonwhite.

Criticism of the American work ethic is a staple of Japanese thought. It is, though, another way of discussing character or culture. It is, in short, a reflection of Japanese self-love: That they, racially pure and culturally homogeneous, are the most wonerful people on the face of the earth. Of course, most nations believe something like that. Americans do —

and we even have a word to describe it: American exceptionalism. You can detect it whenever some politician sings the praises of America and how we have a special mission to do something or other - as long as it doesn't cost more money.

Japanese exceptionalism, a belief in Japanes exceptionalism, a belief in Japanes own racial and cultural

superiority, helped provide an ideological framework for the aggressions of the World War II era. No one is suggesting that sort of experience is about to be repeated. But remarks about work ethics, crime, illiteracy and, indeed, nonwhites seem to sugsest a kind of racial arrogance.

These sorts of remarks just get our backs up and justify Japan-bashing: the worst of all responses. But they also obscure what is worthwhile and valid about the criticism. The U.S. work force is underedu-

cated. Too many college graduates have forsaken manufacturing. We do invest too little in education and in infrastructure. These are all on the mark but they will always be rejected, even by people who are in agreement, if they come freighted with arrogance and racism.

Not just Americans, but certain Japanese should work harder - at ridding their criticism of sanctimony and smugness.

The Washington Post.



Japan Might Like a Foldable U.S. Car

T OKYO — President George Bush's visit is still causing a stir here, as the furor surrounding Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's criticism of the U.S. work force reflects. And while the prevailing sentiment surwhile the prevaiing sentiment surrounding the trip was one of good will,
it seemed mixed with panic, probably
akin to that occasioned by the arrival
of Admiral Perry's ships in 1853.

The chief reason for the anxiety
appears to have been that three gentle-

men from Detroit accompanied the president with the purpose of making Japan buy more U.S.-made cars. We are also told some Americans

bold Japan responsible for its economic malaise. This is disturbing because we are sensitive to what America thinks of us.

was a Japanese dream. But reality, as as hearses: We like to send off our to The New York Times.

we say in Japan, is shibiah (severe). U.S. cars are larger than ours and

By Reiko Hatsumi

gasoline costs three times as much. Most of our roads are more suited to sedan chairs and horses than cars. Once a friend brought a Lincoln Continental to my house. It was

beautiful, luminously upholstered and buge. My admining inspection over, he began to leave, but he was-too optimistic. For while it was easy to drive the car into my yard, he had to back out and make a turn. I watched him struggle for about 20 minutes, got bored and went to read a book. He took to flying a plane after that.

a thinks of us.

There are several solutions to the U.S. car problem. One is to use them

dead in spacious, gold-decorated conveyances. The other is to sell us camping cars. Those things are, f imagine, made for the countryside, where if the roads are not wider than in the cities, at least the cars can go off them without running into somebody's wall.
Or, our politicians could be allot-

ted an annual quota for purchasing the most expensive U.S. cars. As our graft scandals testify, people in power appear to have inexhaustible supplies of funds.

But the best solution would be for Detroit to invent a foldable car. Then the America might corner the Japa-nese market and each family will own two cars: one American, one Japanese.

Reiko Hatsumi, author of "Rain and the Feast of the Stars," contributed this

Or an Old Chevy Convertible Might Do

By Betty Jean Lifton

ITONOLULU — Instead of taking old car executives to Japan, President Bush should have taken an old Chevrolet convertible, such as the one I drove in Tokyo in 1952 when I was reporter there.

It was black, long and sleek, with shiny red leather seats and tail fins that stretched all the way to Yokohama. It never broke down. People turned in awe when it unfurled its top, like a white sail, in the rain. My open car was shown the reverence accorded to General Douglas MacArthur's.

The kimono-clad grandmother in the family 1 lived with would open her parasol in the back seat, like a feudal lord's wife on a sodan chair. Radical students, who denounced my capitalist country at our East-West discussion group, piled into my

capitalist car after each meeting. It represented my flag and the American way of life no less than the fruits of democracy, which my government was pushing, rather than cars. There were few cars then and we could hit the open road down the Ginza. Today I fantasize about flying to Japan to confer about American cars with top auto executives. My Chevy waits at the airport. It speeds unimpeded into Tokyo's center, because the BMWs, Mercedeses and Toyotas have recog-I listen politely as the executives call the Chevy too

big, lazy, unreliable. I speak about its valiant wanderings through unpaved roads, bringing tears to the work-weary eyes of the Japanese, who are as sentimental as they are industrious. I pile the repentant executives into my car. We sail down the streets as of old. The car does not falter, because it understands it must restore the American car industry's reputation.

dealerships. America builds new factories to meet the demand. Millions are hired for round-the-clock assembly lines. The recession is over. No more Japan-bashin troit's phones are so busy that even the White House agrees to help take orders. You can call and ask for it by

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nized our superiority and pulled to the side.

TV flashes its picture all over the country. Orders swamp

Americans too clamor for the '50s convertible, Deits new name: Old Glory.

Egypt's Stable Progress Hides Its Population Bomb

AIRO - "He learned his lesson on the reviewing platform," a shrewd Egyptian said of President Hosni Mubarak. The reviewing platform was the one at the military parade where Anwar Sadat was assassinated on Oct. 6, 1981. As his successor, Mr. Mubarak has eschewed dramatics - the sudden gesture, say, of a trip to Jerusalem. His watchword has been caution, and his aim stability.

Stability is no easy goal in the Mid-dle East, least of all in a country with a rapidly rising population. But against the odds, Mr. Mubarak's cautious policy has worked tolerably well over his decade in office. In a turbulent region, Egypt seems

an island of stability. Most people remain poor, subsistence farmers or families somehow surviving in Cairo on wages of \$50 a month. But one does not sense in

them the anger of desperation. They

feel things are improving. And they are, at least in the terms applied in international financial circles. The Egyptian pound is a stable currency now, not propped up but allowed to find its level in the market. Egypt's hard-currency reserves are up,

oil exports and tourism growing.

The International Monetary Fund has given Egypt a passing grade on lementation of an economic reform program -and with the grade a

It has also had favorable notices from two press critics, The EconoBy Anthony Lewis

mist magazine and the Financial Times newspaper, both of London. The Mubarak policy of gradualism has plainly worked in the area of foreign affairs. Egypt today has a more influential position in the Arab world, and in world politics generally, than it has had for years. In 1981, Egypt was isolated from the other Arab states because Mr. Sadat had made peace with Israel. Now the Arab League is in Cairo again, with an Egyptian as secretary general. Relations have been restored without Mr. Mubarak giving up any of the Sadat policy of peace. So far as one can see, that is a highly popular policy at home. On this visit I found no hint of hostility when Israel was men-

tioned, and certainly no talk of war. Egypt's role in the Gulf War, as a crucial member of the anti-Saddam Hussein coalition, signified its re-gional eminence. And the election of Butros Butros Ghali as secretary general of the United Nations has given

Egyptians much pride.
The question is whether the feeling of relative contenument and stability can last. And that is not so easy to answer. It depends on a number of hard problems, and first among them is population.

There are now 56 million Egyptians, crammed into the narrow fertile strip along the Nile and its delta. In the last 10 years the population has grown by 14 million, or more than the total number of Israelis, Lebanese, Jordanians and Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The rate of population increase fell last year to 2.5 percent: a great improvement, but still enough to produce 1.4 million more people a year. Birth control is promoted by the gov-ernment, with television advertise-ments of peasant women discussing spacing their children, but much cultural resistance remains.

The only way to feed the rising numbers, and give them hope of a better living standard, is to produce some economic dynamism. But that runs into deep-seated obstacles.

Much of Egypt's industry is gov-ernment-owned and hopelessly inefficient Subsidies and price controls distort the economy. The International Monetary Fund and the United States have been urging quick steps toward a genuine market economy. The Economist wrote optimistically that, with those steps, Egypi could have "the fastest-growing Mediterranean economy."

The government has made a small start on privatization of industry and has slowly, almost imperceptibly, reduced some subsidies. Mr. Mubarak evidently worries that stronger moves might endanger stability.

But the population increase means that Egypt, like Alice, must run faster to keep up. The question is whether Mr. Mnbarak can add that dynamic —can, as one critic put it, give people the vision of a productive society. In Egypt it seems as if there will always be time. Things do not change quickly. Peasants work as they did

millenniums ago. But the pressures are accelerating. The New York Times.

ever, it will not change much unless there is an effective, reliable force at hand to carry it out. The Gurkhas are just what is needed and no doubt they are willing. Certainly they are able. O Flora Lewis.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Russia at the Brink

NEW YORK - Many of the papers here have anti-Russian editorials to-day [Jan. 6]. The World foresees all sorts of disasters to that country and adds that whatever view may be taken of the probability of civil war in Russia, whether social massacre or a military mutiny be the more likely form of the outbreak, it is conceded that the long-suffering patience of the people has been taxed as it never was before, and that the discipline of the Army shows signs of weakening.

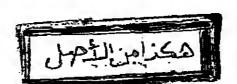
1917: Cajoling Norway

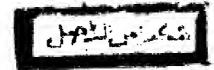
CHRISTIANIA - The German Under-Secretary of State for the Interior has received a number of Norwegian journalists. He said: "We see an unrestricted submarine campaign as a sure means of shortening the war and of overthrowing once and for all En-gland's tyrannical rule over the seas. The difficulties caused to your country by our submarine war will be

small in comparison with those which the measures adopted by England have inflicted on neutrals. We know that the coal question is important for you and are ready to aid you despite the embarrassing position in which we find ourselves. But it is impossible for us to take a step backward in the submarine campaign."

1942: Sugar Rationing WASHINGTON — [From our New

York edition: The nation's Public school teachers were selected tonight [Feb. 6] to handle the huge task of issuing sugar rationing books to every man, woman and child in the nation and were directed to crack down on hoarders. Books containing stamps will be distributed entitling each individual to a strictly limited quantity of sugar a week. When the "War Ration Book No. I" are distributed persons who have built up hoards of sugar will have stamps torn from their books until stocks in their cupboards are exhausted.





This Force The UN Bill

By Flora Lewis

TEW YORK — The idea of the United Nations standing by a intervence where fighting the smoot new. It was included in the literature in 1945, but it was not new it was included in the literature in 1945, but it was not new it as being cantiously regarded out because of the Cold in the literature is a being cantiously regarded out the cold lines of tradition with a still a good idea, but time is a piece of or a said still a thousand men on 48 km is a thousand men on 48 km is a piece of the said is a goes, but it is a piecemeal approdiction of the United National State of the United National State of the United National State of the United Stat

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OPINION

Would Fit . If the Going Gets Tougher, So Will Boris Nikolayevich

By William Safire

MY TRIP to New York and Camp David was not a happy experience. I told the bankers and businessmen we have done everything Milibail Gorbachev refused to do - free markets, supply and demand, Polish shock therapy. And did they come forward with investment? Did the central banks come up with a way to help me stabilize the ruble? No.

I told George Bush, who at last asks me to call him George, we would make arms reductions that would destroy all missiles in the republics outside Russia, as he

I am not a kamikaze. despite what my own appointees are saying. And unlike the nervous liberals. I do not feel pain in the amputated right arm

of the Ukraine.

wants. And did he welcome my appeal for a joint space defense against terrorist nuclear missiles, getting the Red Army marshals out of my antercom? No.

I told the United Nations we have not

one prisoner of conscience left in Russia, the greatest triumph of freedom in the world, and the big news is Bush's meeting with Li Peng, which forgives him for Tianamum Square. I am in Paris now, but I hear that back in Moscow, demonstrations have been banned in Red Square because they were tying up traffic and we couldn't afford the police.

I am beset from three sides: The hunatics who call themselves national patriots have started their nashi movement behind Vladimir Zhirinovsky, our mini-Hitler, whose first act as dictator would be to invade the Baltics. I can use him to scare the West, but the television star Alexander Nevzorov, the

brains behind him, must be watched. The nomenklatura, the bureaucrats out of jobs, neo-Communists, the Soyuz group and some of the disloyal generals are putting together a coali-tion behind Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, who may be sick, and the man I gave 20 bodyguards and a dacha — Mikhail Sergeyevich himself — along with Alexander Yakovlev and his other hangers-on.

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And what of my ardent supporters, the liberal intelligentsia? They are panicking, saying now that a union treaty would have been better than the Commonwealth, waiting about the further disintegration of the Russian republic.

(Of course, when I listened to Rutskoi and sent our Russian troops into Chechen-Ingush to put down the sepa-ratists, the liberals howled and made me stop. The intelligentsia want the impossible: democracy and unity, free

markets and cheap food.)
The only people left on my side are the only people left on my side are the people. I'm supported by 43 percent in the polls, better than anybody else and as good as George Bush. I have asked for one year to make all the changes, which is a problem because my economist Yegor Gaidar, 35 years old and knows everything, says publicly it will take two years. will take two years.

That's why my own appointees call us a "kamikaze government," suicide pilots saving our country at the cost of our own I am not a kamikaze. And unlike the nervous liberals, I do not feel pain in the amputated right arm of the Ukraine. Russia is better off without the empire's drain, but disunion has gone far enough. There will be no independence for the

Tatars or any other people on Mother Russia's historic land. That makes me ask myself - what if, Boris Nikolayevich, prices keep going up, and the world looks the other way, and the bureaucrats laugh at my decrees and the people make a hero out of crazy Zhirinovsky? That would mean the time is not yet ripe for full democracy in Russia. My government — my 25 young men and a handful of grayheads would not turn this nation over to lunatic, nor return it to the crowd that

brought us to this sorry state. So I answer, that is why I installed Viktor Barannikov, over liberal objections, at the head of the Ministry of Security of the Russian Federation, which now includes the former KGB,

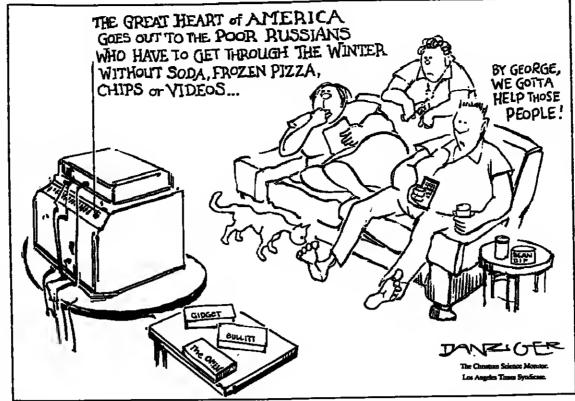
still at its full strength.

And it is why I balanced that by assigning a reformist, Minister of Justice Nikolai Fyedorov, to watch Barannikov and to clean out the entire network of Kryuchkovite KGB generals and colonels from the Ministry of Security by July 1.

Between now and then, we will see if the world's capitalists are willing to become our partners. We will see if old debt is forgiven, new credit extended, and help given to develop our resources - before it's too late.

before it's too late.

If not, if the people are not ready to sacrifice for their freedom; if the nashi or the Gorbachev nomenklatura try to take over — then it's "Dobrym parnyem bolshe ne budet." Or as my cold and tightly smiling friend in Camp David puts it, "No more Mr. Nice Guy." . The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political Qualifications

Your report "Hillary Clinton Stands by Her Man — On Her Own Terms" (Jan. 28) listed her outstanding qualifications: nationally prominent activist on education and children's issues; twice named one of the top 100 lawyers in the United States by the National Law Journal; chairman of the National Children's Defense Fund. Why isn't she a presiden-tial candidate instead of her husband, Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas?

Reading this article, which follows the report on the brilliant Marilyn Quayle ("Candidate's Wife Thrust Into Spotlight, Aug. 19), one can only wonder how many highly talented potential candidates for president are not being considered this year because of their gender.

DIANA CRANE.

The Life of Feminism

Regarding "The Death of Feminism as We Have Known It" (Opinion, Jan. 22) by Sally Quinn: Gloria Steinem has never made me

feel "ashamed and guilty." Her classic comment. "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle," was a godsend for millions. I never interpreted it to mean that I shouldn't or couldn't continue to like and enjoy the company of many men, and to love and cherish a special few. And while I didn't stop wearing an apron, I loved knowing that I wasn't wrong for not wanting to live in one.

The women's movement is about women taking responsibility for themselves everywhere — whether that is in the office, the bedroom or the sandbox - and

reaping the well-deserved personal, emotional and economic power comm

rate with the tasks they tackle. The women's movement is about famissues — like affordable day care, comprehensive health insurance, flexible working hours and equal pay — and moving these issues to the top of the agenda, not because they are women's sues but because they benefit children and women and men.

t think Sally Ride's mother said it best when her daughter became the first woman astronaut in the United States: "Thank God for Gloria Steinem." And for Betty Freidan, Germaine Greer and for the millions of women and men who know what the problems are and have resolved to be part of the solution.

Presumed Innocent

Let us hope, not for the sake of Mike Tyson but for the supposedly sacred principle that an individual is innocent until proven guilty, that none of the prospective jurors saw the article, "Closely Watched Trial of Tyson Is to Begin Today" (Sports, Jan. 27). By stating that "an acquittal could have a professed impact on the handling of so. found impact on the handling of socalled date-rape cases" and that "there is some concern that an acquittal in the Tyson case would persuade women to

would be letting down scores of victimized women by voting not guilty.

This is especially unfair when coupled with the article's suggestion that Tyson's

"deep pockets" will make it difficult for Of course date rape should be treated

as the serious crime it is. If Mike Tyson is guilty he deserves a long prison sentence. But he deserves to have his case heard by people with open minds. MICHAEL GAVIN. Hong Kong.

Dwarfs and Giants

Regarding "Dwarf States, He Thought, Will Be Safer Than Giants" (Meanwhile, Jan. 16) by John McClaughry:

It is the French who have provided the most agonizing appraisals of ethno-regional autonomy. However, the most open-minded survey, "A Case for the Balkanization of Practically Everyone" (Wildwood House, London, 1976), was written by your jazz correspondent, Mi-chael Zwerin. Besides giving Leopold (or Hans) Kohr his due, Mr. Zwerin comes to grips with the Occitanists, Basques, Welsh nationalists, Bretons, Mohawks, Catalans and Lapps. A ne-glected but indispensable book.

DAVID DORRANCE

A Mere Quarter-Century

Regarding "In Our Pages 100, 75 and 50 Years Ago":

Why not include what happened 25 years ago? That, for me, would be living remain silent," the writer, intentionally history — something that happened in or not, sent the message that jurors my lifetime, and that I may have not been aware of, or may have forgotten, or may be relevant to what is happening today. TANYA VAJK. Miami.

Try a 3 DM Ride in Berlin To See the Fragile Future

By John D. Philipsborn

T ONDON — A short ride on the S-Bahn from the west to east Berlin does more to make you think about what has happened in Germany — nay, Europe, than much that you read and hear about recent events.

I have visited the city since the Wall came tumbling down. I was even there on Oct. 2, 1990, the day before the declaration of a single German state - a lovely day of celebration in a "pinch-me it'strue" atmosphere. And it was a joy to

MEANWHILE

walk in the Tiergarten, through the Brandenburg Gate onto the famous Unter den Linden, no longer covered with barbed wire and sour-looking East German sol-diers backed up by Soviet tanks. But I had never ridden on the S-Bahn

from one side of a no-longer-divided Berlin to the other. I had never looked out of the window of the train to see the German flag waving from the top of the Reichstag building, nor moved so quickly without impediment from west to east Berlin.

Then it struck me. So much has happened in the last few years that so many said was impossible. "It will never hap-pen, not in our lifetime." Now, with the same assurance we are coming to new conclusions, not only about Germany but also its neighbors to the East. We think that with a little democracy and a btile help it will all work out somehow.

I wondered, on this short ride, what comes next. We have seen the end of the Cold War, of communism — the failure of a political philosophy, and a way of life for many of the occupants of the world, not only in Europe but in other places, too. How do we reconcile those who have" (because they live in more or less market-driven economies) with those 'who have not' (because they live in countries influenced by the strange idea that leaders who selected themselves knew best)? Even with time, will the amalgamation of the two go as smoothly as we think?

Some say in Germany that we need neestment combined with a privatization process and, in time, those who have less in Eastern Germany will have more. Then, the same will happen all over Eastern Europe and the territories that once made up the Soviet Union. It may be a bit of a time-consuming process, certainly in the eyes and stomachs of those who are catching up to 'the haves,' but the consensus seems to be that we are on our way.

This oversimplification cannot be left to stand without adding that even optimists ask: What effect will racial, ethnic and religious differences have ou this complex land mass? Will the Serbs and Croatians live in peace? What about the Bosnians and Macedonians? The Armenians and the Azerbaijans? The Poles and Ukrainians? The Algerians in Paris? The Turks in Frankfurt?

Admittedly, this is a lot for a 3 Deutsche mark ride. But try it some time and see what you think.

It is an experience; from the whitesmocked attendant at the Tiergarten station who unexpectedly comes to help you buy your ticket from a ma-chine that takes your money, changes it and sends you on your way, to the shabbier fellow at Friedrichstrasse who guides you through the greyness and grimness to where you want to go. You cross a border that is no longer so evident. There are no guard posts and you don't need stamped permits. You need not change trains after having

been searched. You still notice a difference, though There is a point where comfort, if not opulence, visibly turns to poverty and discomfort, where Mercedes turn to Wartburgs and the buildings change from somewhere you would not mind living to places that you remain thankful you have been spared from occupying.
It makes you wonder about predictions that the east of Europe, with in-

vestment and help here and there, will work and wait peaceably to catch up to its more comfortable Western neigh-

It also makes you wonder if the same people who said a few years ago, "It will never happen in our lifetime" are doing enough, even with upcoming airlift aid programs, to ensure that those who have not" have more, before they become impatient, bitter and reactive.

The writer, director of international relations for Chase Manhattan Bank in London, contributed this comment to the ntional Herald Tribune.

Help Can Be Found HE DEMISE of the Soviet Union

created new demands for American help, but it also eliminated the primary incip. but it as a much U.S. budgetary spending. Phasing out Cold War programs from both the defense and foreignaid budgets could free significant funds for pressing needs at home and abroad.

Despite the ravages of seven decades Marxism, the [former Soviet] republies have the foundations for future growth - abundant resources, an educated populace and an industrial base. Support for the republics is in the United States' interest, as are measures to bring them into the global economy. Huge markets for U.S. products would open up once the economies got on their feet -assuming we have gotten our foot in the door. The strong German presence in the former Soviet bloc is not entirely altruistic. The republics will remember their friends when they settle down to business.

- John W. Sewell, president of the Overseas Development Council, writing in the Los Angeles Times.









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A Portrait of Black America

Several years ago a trio of black photographers and publicists didn't like the way U.S. media portrayed black life in the United States. They persuaded a publisher to sponsor a comprehensive look at black America by 50 photographers who fanned out across the country with 5,000 rolls of film. The result: "Songs of My People," an exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, opening next week and running through May 3, and a book to be published by Little, Brown. Here is a sampling.





Above: Haircut in Brooklyn, David Lee; left: A nun in prayer at a Maryland convent, by Dixie D. Veeren.



Boxing in Brooklyn, Eli Reed.

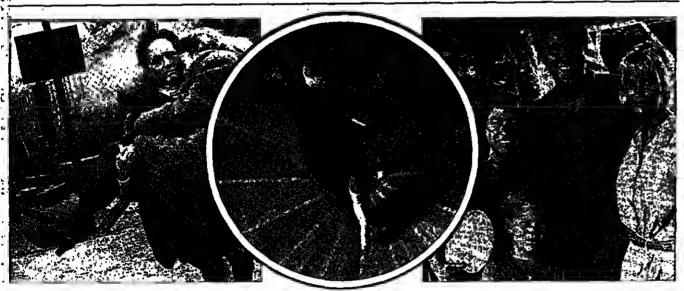


Rodeo in Cleburne, Texas, by Keith Williams.



Beatrice Fergerson, 97, masters hula hoop, Sharon Farmer. -

GUIDE MOVIE



Douglas and Griffith in "Shining Through"; scenes from "Beltenebros" and "At Play in the Fields of the Lord."

Shining Through Written and directed by David

Settzer. U.S. In the elaborate wartime drama "Shining Through," Melanie Griffith plays Linda Voss. a secretary-turned-spy who cooks her way into the heart of the Third Reich. This undoubtedly marks the first time in film history that a spy's career has been advanced by the fact that she makes great strudel. Hired by the formidable lawyer Ed Leland (Michael Douglas), of whom it is said that "he runs through secretaries like a bowling ball through tenpins," Linda quickly makes the right impression by raising questions about the letters Ed dictates. When he makes reference to "sea birds," Linda has a funny feeling that he means subma-tines. "Naturally, it set a girl's mind to wondering she remarks in voice-over. So Linda speaks up, expressing her suspicions in the kind of kittenish, bitsy-voiced manner that guar-

anteer she will wind up in had with Ed. Less predictable, perhaps, is the fact that Ed's involvement in American intelligence operations in Germany will induce Linda to try out a secret mission of her own. The strudel, delivered fervently to Ed's door in the middle of the night, is Linda's way of assuring him that she can pass for a Nazi chef and is ready to be sent to Germany. "Shining Through" is based on Susan Isaacs's far

better novel. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Directed by Pilar Miró.

Miró, formerly head of Spanish state television TVE, returns to feature films after a five-year hiatus, but she seems rusty on her timing. What begins as a perceptively slow thriller with a lean script soon turns into a crawl It's shot in English, and the English and Spanish cast arestles with dialogue that un-dercooks conflicts and passions, Darman (Terence Stamp) is a Communist Party hit man ordered to kill a traitor to the underground in Franco's Spain of 1962. Darman had a similar assignment years earlier and he fears he got the wrong man, Romantic interest Rebeca (Patsy Kensit) helps cloud the issue before the inflated climax. There is some relief in the soundtrack's haunting saxophone solos and a photographic blue hue that integrates the location shifts from England to Poland to Madrid.

(11 Goodman, 1977)

At Play in the Fleids of the Lord Directed by Hector Babenco.

"At Play" springs forth from the belief that the white race is the cancer of the world. In 1965, when Peter Matthiessen pub-

film is based, this notion, when matched with U.S. involvement in Vietnam, was a fashionable tenet of the counterculture mind-set. Why should the Indians of the Brazilian rain forests, who were the novel's victims, be any different from the Vietnamese, whose country Americans were destroying? The evil whites here are American missionaries who come to the decrepit market town of Mae de Deus to take over a mission abandoned by the Catholics when their priests were murdered by the Indians. Martin (Aidan Julian), who's come to the jungle with his wife, Hazel (Kathy Bates), and his son, Billy (Nillo Kivirinta), is a devout man with an unshakable faith in God and his role as a messenger of His Word to the unenlightened. Babenco's need to indict is greater than his in-terest in his characters. It

lished the novel on which the

(Hal Hinson, WP)

wrecks his movie.

New, Improved: Japanese Marketing

By Andrew Ranard

fessor, poet, and grandson of novelist Ogai Mori, once said to me, There is a great difference between how the past is preserved in Japan and the Western world. In Greek temples, for instance, the columns — the stone itself — is important. In Japan it is the form which is preserved. The Ise shrine is rebuilt and cooied every 21 years. Everything must be clean, fresh, new. It's the same at a sushi shop; ideally the bat is made from one log — but it always looks new, the fragrance of wood must be fresh. When you understand this,

you will understand Japan." This is one of dozens of comments I have heard along the lines of "you will understand Japan when you penetrate the mystery of X." Mori's comment, however, later rang a bell when during a discussion a housewife blurted out, blushing: "We Japanese become very excited about new fashions and ideas, but the trends only last a short while and then we become bored. It's like the sakura," she said, the cherry blossom. "It blooms for two weeks, and we're very emotional while they're out, but then it passes and the mood

is gone."

Recently, while interviewing Donald Richie, the expatriate American novelist and authority on Japanese film, I asked him, How do you get ahold of old Japanese movies?

"It's difficult," he replied. "Today you have videos, but you have to get them when they come out. This is, after all, the society of shinhatsubai."
Shinhatsubai is the Japanese concept of

the "latest and newest" in the marketplace. The term often appears alongside products as an advertising slogan and is a major impetus for development in the manufactur-ing and fashion industries. Every week in Japan new products enter the market, destined to disappear within months. In this context, however, "new" generally does not mean novel products, rather that some bauble, gizmo, or added-value function has been attached to a product already on the market.

The amenity may be superfluous — the water-resistant phone, for instance, or the "fuzzy" (read smart) washing machine that can distinguish undies from diapers — but this is what it takes to attract Japanese consumers. This is partly what the brouhaha is about when Japanese claim foreign products cannot compete in their markets.

Taking my cue from the housewife, I call all of the above the Sakute Syndrome. The concept of ephemerality is intrinsic to Japan and turns up in its literature as far back as the 11th-century classic, The Tale of Geoji." The Sakura Syndrome is one overlooked reason the Japanese economy is in perpetual overdrive, a phenomenon which, because of its aesthetic underpinnings, has a certain charm.

The love of newness means Japan is not a country where antique or used goods sell well. Many are the tales of thrifty-minded foreigners who have outfitted their entire apartments with functioning high-tech, lowtech and nontech goods from the Sunday afternoon garbage. Why is there no demand for second-hand goods in Japan? The primitivist school maintains that Japanese believe manimate objects inherit the spirits of their owners, and so used goods are unclean.

There is also the anomaly of the 100,000 yen (\$300) pair of faded, old blue jeans, which some youths have the wherewithal to buy. But as a British teacher of English, who has fived 15 years in Japan canaloguing the country's eccentricities, puts it: "I suspect that if you gave the average Japanese the choice between an original ukiyo-e [wood-block print] which was in poor condition, and a new perpoduction in excellent there. and a new reproduction in excellent shape, he would choose the latter."

When apartment-hunting in Tokyo, the great finds are in buildings which date back as far as the early '80s — because they are "old." Buildings are constructed and razed at a ferocious rate, making Tokyo a beast that is constantly shedding its skin. In the

■ Here it is, the special, limited edition artist's rendition (romantic, think porcelain poodles) of the Beatles on a china plate. Step right up, it costs \$24.75 by mail order from The Bradford Exchange in Chicago, and you have to act now or risk, yes, not being able to buy one. Nostalgia? Not at all. This is investment. According to the ad, the plate "appears to have what it takes to go up in value once the edition closes."

entertainment industry — discos, say — this phoenix-like destruction and recreation is inspired by the need to experience the latest sensation, Some of these buildings are lucant to last only four or five years. As Arturo Silva, a writer for Intersect, a magazine on Japanese culture, recently wrote: "Land costs are everything, construction costs are minimal. So why build to last? Make a splash, destroy, then make another splash has become the prevailing ethos."

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HE all-purpose loan word to de-scribe lifestyle in Japan is "boom." There was the "Bowling Boom" in the '60s; and in the '70s the "Versailles Boom," which took its name from a theme about the French Revolution in Takarauka theater (all-women opera) which spread into comics and animation. In the 80s, a spate of explosions: the "ethnic food boom" with interest in Southeast Asian neighbors; the "Italian Boom" in food and clothes, the "Shoken Boom," the frenetic grab for stocks as the market rocketed (the joke being that even idle housewives were getting rich; and the "Onsen [Hot Springs] Boom." Total there is a "Speaksh house with the Olympics coming up and the "Teramisu Boom," the Italian desserts that are everywhere. Boom of booms was the "Izanagi Boom," the 57-month nonstop growth of the economy in the '60s, now being chal-lenged by the "Heisei Boom," growth since 1986. The Heisei Boom is waning or may actually be over, according to an official at

the Economic Planning Agency.
In his classic work on Japan, "Mirror,
Sword and Jewel," Kurt Singer, a German-Jewish refugee who taught economics and sociology at Tokyo Imperial University in the 1930s, wrote: "The way in which the Japanese proceed in assimilating foreign ele-ments of culture — ideas, styles, institutions, creeds — often resembles somewhat ... the submission by women to 1 new Labor. . . What attracts their attention is always

the new, the contemporary, the modern." Singer could have been describing Japan today. But, writing in the '30s, he was referring to an affair with modernity that began in the seventh century with heavy borrowings from China, Singer was also accurate about foreign influences. The Sakura is Japanese, but the syndrome and its short-lived passions almost always arrive from abroad.

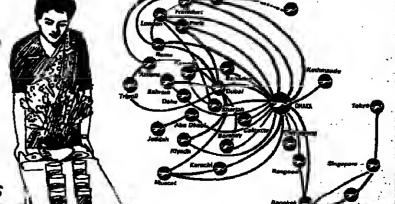
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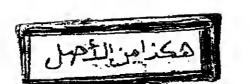


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Shopping for Airline Perks

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

THE SAS flight from Los Angeles arrives at Copenhagen around 1:30 P. M. There is a limo to take you to a five-star hotel where you unwind with a sanna and a massage and a smorgasbord lunch. You might go sightseeing or do a spot of business with your Danish distributor. After a gourmet dinner and a restful night, you cat a full Danish breakfast before your lime whisks you back to the sirport for the 10:25 A. M. onward flight to Warsaw. And don't forget the complimentary food parcel (Danish ham, sausage, butter and cheese) to ensure you a warm welcome in

This is the SAS "executive stopover" package, which is free to SAS business class passengers on an intercontinental flight and with an onward booking to an international destination. The package works in either direction and for other city pairs.

It is an example of how competition has led the more enterprising carriers to offer 24-hour packages — either free or with hotel discounts, free transfers and other perks to long-haul business passengers traveling through their main hubs. The priority for most people is to get there as quickly and comfortably as possible. But it can some times make sense to stop over somewhere interesting rather than to fly direct.

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Some of the best airline deals are on the ground. A well-chosen stopover can be the essence of strategic travel.

While some airlines advertise their free stopover packages, others hand out such

Watch for Restrictions

Staff Ignorance

Do make sure that your ticket allows for

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Weigh the extra cost of an unrestricted

Don't be deterred by the ignorance or

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trouble getting this stopover information together," says an airline PR manager.

Do exploit the maximum mileage rules when traveling full fare, which allow extra stopovers at no additional cost.

ONDON -Of the making of chess

pooks there is no end. More than

5,000 titles have been published in English alone, in the last century and a half, and the number is increasing week

by week. As for tournament bulletins, they

In a tiny bookstall downstairs in Gray's

Antique Market, a block from Claridge's

Hotel, a couple of thousand titles are to be

found. They change almost every day. Maga-

zines, prints, old tournament records and

studies of modern openings jostle for space, amid a treasure trove of jewelry and silver

and porcelain among the market's antique

A passing shopper might miss Gray's Antique Market altogether, heading for the glossy boutiques of Bond Street. With typi-

cal British understatement, the market hides

behind an anonymous white front in tiny

The chess alcove - for that is all it is - run.

by Sandys Dickinson down on the lower floor

is well known to collectors. "It's like stamps or

butterflies or any other object," Dickinson

explains. "Once the bug takes hold, every

Chess books rum from as little as £1

(\$1.80) for a small pamphlet to £200 or so for

a rare item. Dickinson seizes a leather-bound

volume: "Look at this lovely Victorian col-

lection of chess problems, by a lady compos-

er, Mrs. Baird, £75. In three colors, each

problem introduced by Shakespearean quotations" (e.g., Macbeth, V.5.16: "The Queen, my lord, is dead").

collector wants his library to be complete."

Davies Mews.

flutter down at the rate of 10 to 15 a day.

Exploit Mileage Rules

By David Spanier

the stopovers you want. Discount fares may

favors more discreetly, leaving it up to local managers. The general rule is that you must be making an "an involuntary stop" of between 4 and 24 hours - in other words, if there is no onward connection that day. Stopover packages, which started as com-pensation for a bad connection, have become marketing tools.

Some of the best deals are with the socalled "sixth freedom" airlines with small

The Frequent Traveler

domestic markets or with airlines fighting for cross-border traffic, such as Air France and British Airways over London and Paris, Swissair and Lufthansa over Zurich and Frankfurt, or SAS and Lufthansa over Frankfurt or Hamburg and Copenhagen. (The sixth freedom is when passengere are carried between two countries by the airline of a third via its home base. For example, flying London-Reykjavik-New York via Ice-landair or Manchester-Schiphol-Singapore

Flying first or business class with Iberia carns you its "Madrid Amigo" package: two nights free in a five-star hotel (one night for passengers flying full economy), himo trans-fer, and dinner et a flamenco show or an evening at the casino. The condition is that you must be connecting with Iberia to or from an intercontinental flight. There are similar packages in Barcelona and the Canaries. For example, flying east from New York, you can transfer from Madrid to Barcelona, spend the night there, compliments of Iberia, and travel on to a Middle East destination the next morning. You could

Do choose a carrier that doesn't have an

onward connecting flight on the day you travel. Failing that, make sure you

Do make sure you understand the rules

doesn't promote a stopover package try

Don't ask questions like, "What rules apply to stopovers in London?" Better to

say, "I'm thinking of flying first class with you to Tokyo. What kind of deal will

"Some people collect prints of famous

layers. Here, this series of photogravures,

done in Paris, is nice. It costs only around £25 for 20 portraits. Of course the originals would be much more expensive." Vitali Hal-

berstadt, who was a Russian emigre, and the

artist Marcel Duchamp produced a book in 1932 with the superb title: "L'opposition et les cases conjuguées sont réconciliées." Unfortunately Duchamp's passion for

chess was not reconciled in his own conjugal

relations. Of his marriage in 1927 it was

written: "Duchamp spent most of their one

week living together studying chess prob-

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to get hold of a sales service manual. The

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Choosing a Carrier

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Collectibles for Chess Addicts

Understand the Rules

transit in Barcelona en route from London to Cairo, or stop over in Las Palmas for 24 hours on the way from Caracas to Abidjan or

Air France encourages people flying from Mexico City to Madrid to stop over for a free package in Paris rather than fly direct with another airline. The package, "Paris Invitation," includes a night in a luxury hotel, limo transfers and gourmet meals.

Transit passengers at Vienna with a longhaul connection on Lauda Air (from, say, London to Miami, Sydney, Melbourne or Vancouver) get a free hotel room if there is no flight the same day.

If you want to visit Amsterdam, you could do worse than take advantage of e KLM "Stay on the Way" package. This is free to KLM passengers paying full fare in any class traveling on an intercontinental flight via Schiphol to a destinations outside the Netherlands. Transfers, hotel and meals are free for a 24-hour stay.

Not all good stopovers are free. "A Date With Switzerland" will bring you a discount of around 50 percent at hotels in Geneva and Zurich plus transfers and escorted sightsee-ing. You must book 72 hours ahead and fly Swissair et least one way to or from the

F you're flying from Europe to the Far East, try a "Stay-e-While" stopover with Cathay Pacific in cities like Hong Kong, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Sin-gapore, Seoul and Tokyo. You get free trans-fers and about 50 percent off at a wide choice of hotels. You have to fly Cathay into and out of a particular city and pay 2 week in advance. But you can fly any class, and a one-way flight (say, Londoo-Hoog Kong) qualifies for the discount. Malaysian Airlines, Singapore and Philippine Airlines, Qantas and Air New Zealand have similar

British Airways has a stopover program covering 280 hotels in 80 destinations. Rates in Hong Kong and Bangkok start et about \$45 e night; Montreal, \$20; Washington, \$42; New York, \$50; Paris, \$60; and Munich and Berlin, \$70. The cheapest -\$18 -is for e night at the Holiday Inn Lido in Beijing. Airport transfers are included in the first night price. You must pay in advance and fly at least 50 percent of the way with British

Perhaps the most spectacular of all airline deals is flying Concorde to New York with Air France. A round-trip from London (via Paris) will cost you £3,690 (about \$6,650), against British Airways' Concorde from London at £5,030. Air France picks up the tab for a hotel room in Paris on the way back from New York -- and on the way out if you want if - plus meals and limo transfers.

lems, and his bride, in desperate retaliation

got up one night when be was asleep and glued the chess pieces to the board."

Bravo! Every chess player, however, would understand the painter's addiction.

Nowadays all kinds of people collect chess

books. Two of Dickinson's most avid customers happen to be dentists. One, living in

Hull in the north of England, who collects tournament records and magazines, calls him at least once a day, to inquire if anything

How do chess books become available?

Usually when e collection is sold, after e

former owner has been checkmated from

this life. The family heirs have no desire to

retain bundles of fraying tournament bulle-tins, relating the battles of minor 19th-centu-

ry masters. They dispose of the whole li-

Such obscure pamphlets are a delight to

collectors. They may include reports on sun-

dry other matters such as eyewitness ac-

counts of the tournament, how the prize

money was divided, even what the players

himself, simply e player who has always liked the game. Next to his booth in the

antiques market, ornate chess boards and

chessmen are on sale; they are the more

The appeal of chess books is to the imagi-

nation, to the remembrance of battles long

ago. Within the bare notation of the moves,

like butterflies under glass, is immortalized e

David Spanier is a British journalist with a

Sandys Dickinson is not a chess freak

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From left to right: Bust of Hermes on display at Jerusalem's Israel Museum; "Slow House" at the Fondation Cartier, Paris; S. Hasegawa's work for an exhibition starting Feb. 27 at the Hotel de la Merci in Paris.

AUSTRIA

Museum Moderner Kunst (tel: 34.12.59). To March 15: "Gerard Garouste: Reminiscences of Romanbaldbase. "Traces peinter's change in styles from symbolism to expression-ism. Also, "The Proxy." Installation by Glona Friedman acts as metaphor

BELGIUM

for human existence.

Musée d'Art Moderne (tel: 513.96.30), To March 29: Paintings and ceramics by Alfred William Finch, a Belgian artist of the turn of the century whose work was strongly in-fluenced by Seurat. Charlerol

Musée de le Photographie (tel. 35.45.45), To March 8: 200 photographs and documents by André Kertesz.

BRITAIN

London Barbican Centre (tel: 638.41.41).
To Feb. 11. "Yefim Ladizhinsky
(1911-1982):" More than 130 paintings and drawings by this Russian
Jewish artist shown for the first time
outside Israel.

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British Museum (tel: 323.86.61). To Feb. 16: "Collecting the 20th Century." An exhibition of prints, drawings, glass, ceremics, jewelry and other ethnographic items from all continents. To March 8: "The Making of England:" Art and artefacts from AD 500-900.

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To March 8: "Croatia: The Cost of Conflict:" An exhibition of photographs of wer damage to the cultural monuments and historical sites of Croatia.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Jizdarna Prazskeho Hradu (tel: 2102, eq. 3232). To Mar. 1: "Czech Cubism."

Mestská Knihovne (Municipal Library) (tel: 23.22.577). To Feb. 9: Paintings and drawings trace the evolution of the Czech artist Okatar

Palác Kinských (tel: 23.15.135). To Feb. 23: Czech and Slovak Neo-Functionalist Architecture.

DENMARK

Louieiane Museum (tel: 42.19.07.19). To April 26: Oil paint-ings, watercolors, graphic works and flustrations from the permanent Edward Hopper Collection in the Whit-ney Museum of American Art in New

FRANCE

Paris

Musée d'Art Contemporain (tel: 56.44.16.35).

Musée des Beeux-Arte (tel: 40.41.85.85). To Feb. 18: 118 drawings by Picasso done during his youth (1893-1905).

Musée International d'Art Naff (tel: 93.71.78.33). To March 1: "Scents, Colors, and Sounds in Correspon-dence." Brasilian tapistries of Madeleine Colaco.

Institut Francels d'Architecture (tel: 46,33.90.36). "Massimilleno Fuksas: High Tension." Eclectic work of contemporary Italian architect.
Fondetion Certiler (tel: 39.58.45.46). To April 20: The spacious grounds of the foundation in suburban Jouy-en-Josas are host to "Machines d'Architecture," archi-tectural models, drawings and photographs by John Hejduk and 12 other architect/artists. Institut Polonals (tel: 42.25.10.57).

To Feb. 28: Engravings by Polish engraver Jerzy Panek.

Musée National des Monuments

Français (tel: 47.27.35.74).

Palais de Tokyo, Centre de la Photogrephie (tel: 47.23.36.53). To

March 1: Portraits, such as those of

Arletty, Josephine Baker, Brigitte

Bardot, Fernandel and Edith Piar, taken by the famous Harcourt studios.

GERMANY Berlin

Attes Museum (tel: 203.550). To Feb. 16: Retrospective of works by Manin Schongeuer, marking the 500th anniversary of the engraver's death and revealing his influence on Dorer and the rich engraving tradition

Kathe-Kollwitz-Museum (tel: 882,52,10). To March 2: 100 drawings and watercolors by Austrian painter Egon Schiele.
Neue Nationalgalerie (tel: 26.66).
To Feb. 16: Otto Dix 100th anniversary retrospective includes 400 works.

Museum for Angewandte Kunst (tel: 221.87.14). To March 15: "Modern Spanish Design." 60 works

To Feb. 28: Engravings by Polish engraver Jerzy Panek.

Second French." Exhibition of contemporary, and mostly French, artists.

Second French and David: Children in the Old Testament." Illustrations from recently published children's bibles. published children's bibles.
Rijksmuseum (tel: 673.21.21). To March 1: First international exhibition of Rembrandt's work. Includes 46 major paintings, etchings and 31 works by his pupils.
Ven Gogh Museum (tel: 570.52.00). To March 8: An exhibition of early paintings, drawings and lithos by Nabi painter Edouard Vuillard. PRELAND

Dublin

irish Museum of Modern Art (tel: 718.666). To March 15: Joseph Beuys exhibition.

SPAIN

Madrid

Stockholm

ARCO 92 (tel: 722.50.01). Feb. 13-18: Contemporary art festival with the participation of 193 gelleries world-

wide.
Centro de Arte Reina Sofia (tel:
487.5062). To Feb. 17: 140 works by
Lyubov Popove (1889-1924), e
member of the Russian cultural vanguard. To March 16: Theatrically nostalgic works of the young American
artist, Robert Gober. To March 23:
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Works by prominent American sculp-ture Richard Serra.

SRAEL

The Israel Museum (tel: 708.811).
To May 15: Biblical tales in Islamic painting: Islamic miniatures and paintings from various private collections. Also to May 31: "The Jews of Alsace: Tradition and Emancipation in a Rural Community." graphic picture of the way of life in one of Europe's oldest Ashkenazi

ITALY

Florence Palazzo Vecchio (tel: 276.84.22).
To Feb, 16: "From Bacon to Today:"
60 figurative paintings by artists such es Francis Bacon, Leon Kossoff, Lucian Freud and Frank Auerbach.



Helen Levitt photo in San Francisco exhibition.

exhibit the unique international flavor of the country's modern design Stadtmuseum (tel: 221.23.52), To

March 22: "In and From Cologne." Works by Cologne's Wolf Vostell. Düsseldorf

Kunstmuseum (tel: 899.24.60). To Feb. 16: Retrospective of Italian peinter Renato Guttuso on the fifth anniversary of his death. Includes 60 paintings and 100 drawings.

Germanisches Netionalmuseum (1el: 13.310). To March 1: "Bertel

Thorvaldsen: The Danish Sculptor and his German Friends."

Hong Kong Hong Kong Museum of Art (tel:

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Amsterdam Joods Historisch Museum (tel:

Teatro Alla Scala (tel: 887.92.11). A performance of Rossini's Stabat Ma-

ter, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his birth, With Carol Vaness and Femucio Furlanetto, Feb. 29.

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626.99.45). To March 29: "Moses

Whitney Museum of American Art, Madison Ave. at 75th Street (tel: 570.36.33). To March 1: Retrospec-tive of works by Alexis Smith, best known for her collage work. Jepen Folk Art Mueeum (tel: 641,6309). To March 31: A display of 75 elaborate dishes, all made in and 75 eactorate origins, an made in and after the mid-Edo Period. Nezu Institute of Fine Arts (tel: 400.25.36). To Feb. 23: Swords, sword guards and fittings of the To-kugawa Family. San Francisco Mueeum of Modern Art (tel: 863.8800). To March 15: "Paul Klee: Signs and Symbols." The evolution of

ettes and gold objects.

UNITED STATES

Norton Simon Museum (tel: 449.68.40). To Feb. 23: "The Blue Four and Their Contemporaries."

Paintings and graphics by Klee, Kan-dinsky, Feininger and Jawlensky, as well as by members of Die Brücke and Blaue Retter groups.

Los Angeles

New York

e very personal visual language in the Swiss painter's work. Also, retro-spective of photos by the American

The Alarming World of Books

Sex, Drugs and Chauvinism On Capitol Hill

ASHINGTON — It is all well and good for people who pass briefly through the nation's capital to memorialize their stay in memoirs, speech collections and moral harangues, writes Jonathan Yardley of the Washington Post, but memoirs and speeches

are one thing, novels are quite another. So now comes Maureen Dean, Surely you know who she is: the icity good-looking woman who sat primly in the Senate hearing room, her blond locks glistening, while Sam Ervin & Co. grilled her husband, John, the apostate counsel to Richard Nixon. Maureen Dean, cashing in just once more on the reflected glory that was Watergate, did it first in "Mo: A Woman's View of Watergate," then in "Washington Wives," now in "Capitol Secrets." It is represented as hers and hers alone, though a note of "special thanks to Dick Lochte" gives just the hint of a ghostly presence in the background. But the only ghost who could rescue this baby is sitting by the hand of God and has bigger fish to fry; "Capitol Secrets" is beyond

earthly redemption. It is the story, if "story" is the word for it, of a glamorous congresswoman from California who decides to challenge the malechauvinist-piggish establishment and run for speaker of the House. It's a tough fight, which, as we're told once, involves "murder, sex, drugs, blackmail" and then told again, several pages later, "drugs, sexual enslave-ment, blackmail and murder."

Maureen, adds The Post's Lois Romano, -abruptly canceled several Washington inter-



Maureen Dean

views promoting her novel because she believed she was treated "like dirt" by "Fox Morning News." She was apparently offended when Lark McCarthy asked about suggestions in e Wetergate book that she was once linked to a call-gri ring. Dean and her husband last week filed e libel action against the euthors of "Silent Coup: The Removal of a President," as well as against G. Gordon Liddy for his characterizations of the Deans in his eutobiography "Will."

Whatever Happened To Huck and Heathcliff?

ers are out there this coming book season, sneaking back into works of fiction that the original authors bad finished and closed off. First, there was the enormously successful

EW YORK - Literary trespass-

"Scarlett" sequel to "Gone With the Wind." Now, readers will find that Huck Finn has grown up and will learn what happened to Heathcliff when he left Wuthering Heights. Lin Haire-Sargeant, who has written "H.: The Story of Heathcliff's Journey Back to Wuthering Heights," to be published in the summer by Pocket Books, said she thought of her book as e homage to Emily Bronte's

classic, not as a ripoli. Richard White, a high school teacher from Nashua, New Hampshire, said he found himself curious about the man Huckleberry Finn became and decided that the only way he would ever find out what happened to him "was to write it myself." Which he did, in Mister Grey, or the Further Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," due out this spring from the publisher Four Walls Eight Windows. In White's hands, Huck becomes, as the catalogue copy says, "a grown man, strapping two six-shooters, lording it over e cowboy town in Wyoming in the 1880s."

The authors and publishers of "H." and "Mister Grey" take umbrage at the sugges-tion that they are coasting on an established literary success. "These are ligures who have entered into the American cultural vocabulary," said John Oakes, of Four Walls Fight Windows. "I don't think of it as lazy. I think of it as playful." (Esther B. Fein, NYT)

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WALL STREET WATCH

CMOs Can Spell Trouble For Unwary Investors

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

EW YORK - With interest rates down at banks and money-market funds, many individual investors have turned to mortgage-backed securities to maintain at-tractive yields on their investments. But few categories of investments are more complicated, and potentially more risky, and there is a widespread suspicion on Wall Street that many investors do not know what they are buying.

But they are buying the securities known as collateralized mortgage obligations. "There are no really reliable numbers, but we estimate that about \$25 billion is held by individuals," said Andrew Carron, the manager of mortgage research at First

Boston Corp. He said that fig-ure was rising by \$500 million to \$1 billion each month. Hoping to capitalize on the growing market, Fitch Investors Service is beginning to rate the securities based on their volatility, with ratings of V-1, for securities with little volatility, to V-5, for highly volatile instruments. By com-

parison, a 30-year Treasury bond would be rated V-3. Mortgage-backed securities usually are created from pools of home loans. In recent years, they have been marketed to individual U.S. investors with the

idea that they are safe and offer higher yields than government bonds of comparable maturities. What many investors may have overlooked was that when interest rates drop, which sends conventional bond prices higher, many homeowners pay off their mortgages and refinance at lower rates. This causes a faster-thanexpected return of principal to the investors, who miss out on the capital gains they would have had on conventional bonds and face an environment of reduced interest rates in which to reinvest their

"Too often, retail investors think only about yield," said Stephen W. Joynt, an executive vice president of Fitch. "They should be thinking about total return, and they need to carefully

The majority of collateralized mortgage obligations, known as CMOs, are sold to institutional investors. IDD Information Services Inc. said \$246 billion of mortgage-backed securities were issued in 1991, almost double the prior year's level.

Mr. Joynt said his research indicated that most of the securities sold to individuals had high volatility; ranging from V-3 to V-5. The ratings try to measure the variability of the return to the investor of

the life of the security, based on different interest-rate expectations.

It is not necessarily bad for an investor to buy a highly volatile collateralized mortgage obligation, but many probably think they are getting safe investments. Most are safe, in the sense that there is no default risk. But there is substantial market risk, and the possibility of losing money in some of them.

The lure of collateralized mortgage obligations for individuals is relatively new. But individual investments in mortgage-backed securities, particularly Government National Mortgage Associa-tion certificates, have been significant since the mid-1980s.

In those investments, an investor is effectively buying a pool of mortgages. The payments are guaranteed by a federal governmentrelated agency, so credit risk is not a problem. But interest-rate movements can be significant, and the related issue of mortgage

prepayments can turn a promising investment into a disaster.

CMOs are more complex. In those securities, a pool of morts is cut up into two or more types of securities, which split the cash flow from the mortgages according to widely varying formulas. Some securities get interest payments before others; others get first call on principal payments. Some may get fixed interest rates, unless certain things happen, while others get variable rates. Some even get high rates if market interest rates are low, and low rates if market rates are high. To understand the risk of any given class, one must also understand the other classes of the same deal.

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Agnellis Told to Bid for All of Perrier

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — A French regulator told Exor SA and its allies on Thursday they must bid for all of the outstanding stock of Source

Perrier SA, one of several recent setbacks for the Agnelli family's plan to dominate the water company without buying all of it.
Exor is locked in combat with Nestle SA,
which has bid 13.3 billion French francs
(\$2.46 billion) for all Perrier shares.

On Thursday, the Council of Stock Ex-changes confirmed a Jan. 15 decision in which it said the Agnelli camp must bid for all of Perrier. The decision by the council, an industry regulatory body known by its French acronym CBV, was based on an investigation into the situation by a government panel, the Market Operations Commit-

tee, or COB.
On Tuesday, the COB criticized Perrier and Exor for statements made in connection with the bid, and this seemed to strengthen Nestle's posicion in two related court cases to be heard later this month.

The confirmation on Thursday means the CBV uphheld the view that Exor, Societé Générale and Saint-Louis had formed an alliance before moving on Perrier. They now control 49.3 percent of the water and cheese

The three companies are appealing against this interpretation, and while awaiting the decision of the appeal court, have asked for a suspension of the order to launch a full bid.

Under a Bourse rule, a counter-bidder would have to offer a price that was at least 2 percent higher than that of the original bid, or offer the same price but drop any conditions. Nestlé and Suez have reserved the right to drop their bid if they obtain less than 50 percent plus one share of Perrier's stock.

But an Exor spokesman said that rule did not apply to Exor and its allies because Nestlé launched its bid on Jan. 20—after Saint-Louis

increased its stake, a move which might have triggered a requirement to bid for Pernier. An Exor spokesman said that if Exor loses its appeal and is constrained to make a bid. the price of the bid could be as low as 1,235 francs per share. That was the price that Saint-Louis paid when it bought a 13.8 per-

In addition, Exor and its allies could limit their bid to two thirds of Perrier's capital.

Trading in Perrier was suspended on Monday, Jan. 20, the day that Nestle announced a 1,475-franc-per-share bid for Perrier. The

shares were last quoted at 1,396 francs. Trading in Exor was also suspended Jan. 20. The stock was last quoted at 1,320 francs. A friendly bid by IFINT SA, an Agnelli holding company, for all of Exor is to close March 24.

(AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

cent block of Perrier stock. International Herald Tribune The CBV also said trading in Perrier and Exor shares would resume on Monday.

The National Association of Manufacturers released a forecast of 2.6 percent growth in gross do-mestic product for 1992, after two

"Nobody's talking about a big boom here," said Jerry Jasinowski, president of the NAM. The organi-

These estimates still foresee only about half the bounce of a typical postwar U.S. recovery. The generally accepted ontlook is for far less pent-up consumer demand than in

a traditional recovery.

Both the NAM and the Boskin



By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK - Betting on strong exports and low interest rates, U.S. manufacturers on Thursday predicted an upward bounce in economy later in the year, when they forecast growth would be running above 3.5 percent.

virtually flat years for the economy. It said the economy would grow at an annual rate of 2.3 percent in the second quarter, 3.8 percent in the third, and 3.7 percent in the fourth.

zation's figures differ by only 0.4 percentage point from the forecast of 2.2 percent annual growth made Wednesday by Michael J. Boskin, the Bush administration's chief economist, in his annual report.

forecasts assume that President George Bush's program of housing stimulus and minimal tax cuts is approved by Congress. That is be-cause the biggest push in the NAM forecast comes from construction, . and most of that comes from an expected 23.4 percent increase in housing, coming off its worst year of the postwar era.

1990 total: \$2.92 trillion

New Factory Orders

orders, seasonally adjusted

Total U.S. new factory

in billions of dollars

Without the government's extra NAM's economist, housing would be up only 11 percent, and growth less. Mr. Boskin forecast growth of only 1.6 percent if the Bush stimulus program is not passed.

Export growth was forecast at 7.7. percent and will play a "critical" role in the recovery, Mr. Jasinowski said, just as exports helped moderate the recession last year when they increased by 8.2 percent. He added that the 1992 export forecast "is a minimum number, and with any kind of pickup in Europe you could still go to double digit numbers."

He explained that the main export push comes from the lower dollar and the improved competitiveness of U.S. companies after the restructurings of the 1980s. In a companion survey of 80 members of the association's board, the majority of whom represent small businesses, 54 percent said they had gained ground against foreign competition in the past two years, 57 percent said they expected export prospects to hold steady for 1992, and 38 percent said they

In other economic news Thursday, new unemployment claims de clined 10,000 during the week ended Jan. 25 to 450,000, a slight improvement from the previous week but of no real significance in the general picture, which will be presented by the Labor Department Friday when

would be significantly higher.

percent in December after two monthly increases. The Commerce Department report accords with the general picture of a brake having been put on the economy by the collapse of pre-Christmas business. For the whole year, factory orders fell 2.6 percent, the largest drop since the 3.5 percent decline during

Continental Offers Itself to Creditors

WILMINGTON, Delaware — Continental

Airlines Holdings Inc. filed a bankruptcy reorganization plan on Thursday that would turn the airline over to its unsecured creditors but that has so far failed to win approval from a key

Thursday was the last day Continental, which filed for protection from its creditors in December 1990, could file a plan without facing com-peting proposals by other interested parties. Last week, Trans World Airlines filed for bankruptcy. offering a plan that gave that carrier to creditors. The airline's common stock, which is to be liminated and closed at \$1 a share on the

cating investors thought there would be some-thing left for equity holders. The shares dropped as low as 6.3 cents after the plan was announced

although they ended the day at 50 cents.
In November, Continental said it would give mployees and unsecured creditors stakes. But on Thursday it said it was still discussing with creditors arrangements to provide incentives for its workers, including stock plans. The airline, one of six U.S. carriers to have

been in bankruptcy proceedings during the past year, also has not come to terms with the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corp., the federal agency that protects pension plans. The PBGC has substanformer subsidiary, Eastern Airlines.
Continental said if PBGC's claims are upheld, it will get a greater return than other unsecured creditors.

It added that its plan, which has been approved by the unsecured creditors committee,

would cut long-term debt to \$1.7 billion from \$5.1 billion. One loser would be Scandinavian Airline System, which in 1990 paid \$52 million to boost its

stake to 16.8 percent from 6.9 percent. SAS would lose its money but would continue to have international passengers fed to its flights from Continental's U.S. system. (AP, Reuters)

Canada, Too, Spurs Housing to Boost Economy

By Clyde H. Farnsworth New York Times Service

TORONTO - The Canadian government, fighting a recession even more severe than in the United States, has begun its own program to spur housing demand and revive the economy, along with its political fortunes.

Like the measures President George Bush proposed last week, the Canadian actions are meant to raise the entire economy on a wave of demand by new home owners for appliances, furniture and other consumer items. These actions could give the United States a look at the possible results of its own program.

The programs, despite their differences, underscore the parallels between these economies. Both governments are fighting lunge deficits, which limit room to maneu-ver. Ottawa's accumulated debt is proporout as large as V

Yet unemployment in Canada exceeds 10 percent, against about 7 percent in the United States.

In its first concrete response to widespread demands for pump-priming, Otta-wa has announced that the minimum down payment for first-time bome buyers nnder government programs will be halved, effective immediately.

The Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp., which backs mortgages much as the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration do in Washington, will insure loans of as much as 95 percent of a home's value, instead of the evious 90 percent.

Builders said the action was long overdue and should lead to at least a 15 percent increase in new housing starts this year. But some analysts were skeptical. They're desperate and groping for anythat will improve the

ation," Robert Blohm, a Toronto investment banker, said of the new program. Canada's construction industry is in se-

rious need of work, having started only 156,000 units last year, the least since the Even at 5 percent, where the minimum

down payment had been until an explosion in borrowing in 1982, the rate is higher than under U.S. government programs, where home buyers may now put down as little as 3 percent. Until regula-tions were tightened last year, Americans had been able to put down even less.

Some economists still question whether more borrowing is what the Canadian economy now needs. At the end of the last recession, many home owners walked away from mortgages that exceeded the depressed values of their homes, leaving the bousing corporation's insurance fund

Potentially as significant as the easier down payment terms was Finance Minister Donald Mazankowski's statement that the government would also permit withdrawals for first-time home purchases from Canada's equivalent of the Individual Retirement Accounts that are common in the United States.

His idea is to allow as much as \$7,500 to be taken out of Registered Retirement Savings Plans, which have been in place since 1957 and now hold more than \$100 billion of Canadian savings.

Only weeks ago, government officials had described such a withdrawal plan as unworkable and risky. The turnabout may have reflected the economy's further deterioration. Government forecasts for renewed growth have been reduced this year even as interest rates and inflation have dropped sharply.

Sweden Questions Basis Papering Over the Problem? For Procordia Merger

STOCKHOLM — Industry Minister Per Westerberg said Thursday that price alone was not sufficient justification for a merger between Volvo AB, the big Swedish carmaker, and the food and drug company

In a parliamentary discussion of the proposal, Mr. Westerberg said that a merger would have to be justified not just by price but "by the existence of some form of synergistic effects or something else that is industrially proper. The government last week rejected the terms of a proposed 38.7 billion

kronor (\$6.66 billion) merger of the companies, saying that the link-up made no economic sense and would be costly to Swedish taxpayers. The government has since agreed to enter into negotiations. Volvo and the Swedish state each own 42.7 percent of the voting rights

in Procordia, which has holdings ranging from the Kabi Pharmacia drug company to a chain of fast-food restaurants called Clock. The taxpayers' interests in Procordia would be of paramount importance, Mr. Westerberg said. "We will not sacrifice one company for the

Other deputies in the four-party governing coalition also criticized the proposed merger. "The only advantages of the deal are for Volvo," said Goran Hagglund, a Christian Democrat. But Odd Engstrom of the opposition Social Democrats said that the

government's rejection of the deal would hurt both companies, and be accused Mr. Westerberg of betraying his free-market principles to "politicize the Volvo-Procordia deal down to the smallest technical detail."

New York Times Service

ists and recycling advocates say they fear that paper recycling standards due to be set by an advisory group to the Environmental Protection Agency will do little to di-

vert waste paper from landfills. Since a chief goal of recycling is to reduce the amount of trash, environmentalists say recycling standards should take account of paper products that have been used by consumers and thrown away. In the past, they say, many paper companies have been able to meet government rules by recycling only scraps

Paper of all kinds is the biggest component of municipal trash, and many cities have looked to recycling to reduce the cost of trash

When paper is recycled, it is broken down into its wood fibers, and then ink and other contaminants are removed and the fibers are formed into new paper products.

needed, environmental groups say, NEW YORK - Environmental- to induce paper companies to invest in recycling equipment capa-ble of handling the more heavily contaminated paper taken from of-

fices and homes. To help overcome these shortcomings, the EPA has helped finance the Recycling Advisory Council of the National Recycling Coalition. The council is made up of representatives of industrial companies, environmental groups and political officebolders.

The group has been trying to develop standards for recycled paper that would be eligible for govcrament purchase in programs inended to promote recycling. The EPA is planning to revise its own standards, and the council's recommendations are expected to be in-

The council's current proposal would require that printing and writing paper being considered for purchase by the government be made of 50 percent recycled fiber

"personal communicators" that

transmit and receive data, and por-

But the dispute also illustrates

that even as the Cold War ebbs, the

National Security Agency is still

wielding influence over many U.S.

high-technology industries. Execu-

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The NSA exercises this power in

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table "notebook" computers,

More demanding definitions are and that 15 percent of the total ecded, environmental groups say, fiber be from trash or comparable

the environmentalists' point of view, from the current standard of 50 percent content regardless of the source. But recycling advocates say the use of paper deemed "comparable" to trash gives mills an incentive to collect relatively clean scrap from printers and packagers and avoid trash. "A bale of scrap from a packager

is clean and homogeneous and a lot easier to deal with than post-consumer paper," said Resa A. Di-mino, an official of the Environmental Action Foundation, an advocacy group. "But we need to create markets for office papers if we are to avoid creating a glut like there was with newspapers.

Old newspapers jammed up in warehouses in the late 1980s when states began mandatory collection programs, overwhelming the limited plants available to reprocess it releases employment figures for the month of January. Orders for factory goods fell 3.8

the recession year of 1982. And the nation's retailers, re-

porting January sales on Thursday, racked up gains averaging 12 per-cent that analysts said were inflated because they were compared with a very weak January in 1991. "If retailers couldn't post gains this month then they never would," said Carl Steidtmann, an economist with Price Waterhouse. "We're comparing it to a month when the nation was at war."

U.S. Agency Is Said to Resist Tight Cellular-Phone Security

By John Markoff New York Times Service

t: NMB Bunk (Amsterdom); Indesvez Bank (Brussels); Banca Commerciale Mallona ; Banque Hallonole de Parts (Parts); Bunk of Takvo (Takvo); Reval Bank of Conoda b); IMP (SDR); Gosbank (ruble). Other data from Reuters and AP. NEW YORK - Advocates of privacy rights are challenging the United States's most clandestine intelligence-gathering agency over how much confidentiality people will have when communicating via the next generation of cellular telephones and wireless computers. The issue has emerged at meet-

ings this week of an obscure committee of telecommunications experts that is to decide what kind of protections against eavesdropping should be designed into new models of cellular phones. People concerned with privacy

are eager to incorporate more potent scrambling and descrambling codes in the equipment to prevent the eavesdropping that is so easy and so common in the current generation of cellular phones. But privacy advocates contend

that the industry committee has already decided not to adopt the maximum level of protection because of pressure from the National Security Agency, whose intelli-gence gathering includes listening in on phone conversations in foreign countries and intercepting data sent by computers.

The privacy-rights faction contends that the security agency op-poses codes that are hard to crack because the equipment might be "The NSA is trying to weaken privacy technology," said Marc Rotenberg, Washington director **NEC Unveils Tiny Phone** TOKYO - NEC Corp., the computer giant, introduced a mobile telephone Thursday that it said would be the smallest on the

international market and the lightest made by a Japanese company. The P4 phone will go on sale in the United States this month, and eventually will be offered in Britain, Italy, Hong Kong and more than 30 other countries, but not in Japan, NEC said. The company expects to sell 60,000 of the phones monthly in the world market, at a suggested retail price of \$1,800 each.
The P4 mobile phone, NEC said, has a volume of 150 cubic

centimeters (9 cubic inches) and weighs just 220 grams (8 ounces). Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.'s MOVA phone has the same volume, but is in use only in Japan. Motorola Inc.'s Microtac is 1 gram lighter than the P4.

for the Computer Professionals for own secure telephones were com-Social Responsibility, a public ad- patible with the new cellular phones. vocacy group organized by computer scientists and engineers.

"At stake is nothing less than the future of our privacy in the communications world," he said. The standards-setting group is made up of cellular telephone equipment manufacturers and ser-

The NSA is the Defense Departintelligence gathering around the past two years. world for use by many other branches of the government. NSA officials, who have been

vice providers.

participating as observers at the said one committee member, who spoke on the condition that he not telecommunications meetings, said their only interest in the matter was be identified. The debate is important, the pri- for law and corporate affairs at ensuring that the government's

They say that agency officials have specifically been told not to participate in the standards-setting

by companies to export high-technology products. In that role, critics say, the agency has opposed exports of equipment fitted with effort, and indeed some engineers attending the meetings say they advanced encryption systems that have felt no outside pressure. are increasingly vital for modern But other engineers involved in the standards process said the

The agency's industry critics say agency's presence had loomed large that it is impossible to contain the ment agency in charge of electronic in technical meetings during the proliferation of encryption tech-"I would talk to people and they would say, 'The NSA wouldn't like this, or they wouldn't like that,' "

abroad or steal the technology.

nology and that customers who are deterred from buying it from the abroad or steal the technology. The notion that you can control this technology is comical," said William H. Neukom, vice president

advocates say, not just for Microsoft Corp., the big software disclosing it publicly and letting cellular phones but for many other publisher. emerging technologies that com-municate using radio signals, which lenged the committee's intention

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mation sent over conventional telewhich the encryption code will be which the encryption code will be they can be publicly tested.
The committee has said it will

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anyone try to crack it would simply prove it works. This code, however, is simple to

break, say a number of engineers

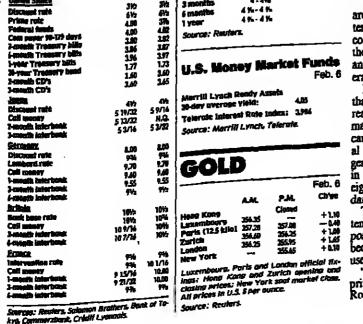
who have examined it. Several phone lines. These include wireless based. Traditionally, cryptogra- committee members said they realphers have said the best way to ized the security agency would nevensure that encryption techniques er permit the adoption of an un-work is to publish the formulas so breakable privacy scheme. But a number of the engineers who worked on the technical stan-

not disclose the formula because it dard insist the agency has had no But publishing the formula is a technical deliberations of some of

"The standard was based on the danger only if the formula is weak, the best experts in North Amerihampering their efforts to compete said John Gilmore, a Silicon Valley ca," said John Marinho, chairman for business overseas by forcing software designer and privacy ado of the standards committee and an

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks slipped on Thursday but secondary issues rose to their third consecutive record.

With large-capitalization stocks trading cautiously ahead of Friday's data on employment for January, the Dow Jones industrial av-

N.Y. Stocks

erage inched down by 2.01 points to close at 3,255.59, after having lost 15.21 points on Wednesday. In the broad market, nine stocks

rose for every eight that fell, and the Nasdaq composite index of smaller-capitalization stocks rose 0.70 point to a record 637.67.

Many people are apprehensive about buying stocks ahead of the anour buying stocks ancan or the employment report," said Christo-pher Pedersen, head trader at Twen-ty-First Securities. Stocks stand near or at record highs on prospects that interest rates will remain low. But few analysts anticipate the Federal Reserve will ease credit again on the jobs data.

President George Bush's plan to

system set off selling in some drug stocks, analysts said. Merck slipped 2¼ to 156, Upjohn fell % to 42, American Home fell 1¼ to 80% and Eli Lilly lost ¾ to 771/2. On the other hand, Mr. Bush's

proposal to increase the use of health maintenance organizations in Medicare helped shares of managed health companies. U.S. Healthcare rose % to 54%, Pacificare rose 14 to 52% and Sierra Health Services rose % to 26%.

Gene Seagle, technical research director at Gruntal & Co., spoke of selective buying.

"More and more it's a case of individual stock selection," he said. And one of the strong groups today is the retail group as a result of improved sales, which reflect an increase in consumer buying and an improvement in their restructuring."

Among the retailers reporting improved sales in the five-week period ended Feb. 1 were Dow components Sears & Roebuck, which was up 1% to 43%, and Woolworth, up ¼ to 30.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, UPI)

Interest Rate Outlook Depresses the Dollar

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dellar weakened against the Deutsche mark on Thursday as traders adjusted positions ahead of the U.S. employment report for January, due out Friday morning. Although sentiment toward the

dollar is not clear-cut, interest rate

Foreign Exchange

considerations have made the market bearish toward the dollar versus the mark, said Richard Koss, vice president et Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in New York. The dollar fell to 1.5768 DM

from 1,5807 DM on Wednesday. It also weakened against the other major European currencies, falling to 1.4065 Swiss francs from 1.4115 and to 5.3740 French francs from 5.3860. The British pound rose to \$1.8207 from 1.8179.

The yen, bowever, weakened against the U.S. currency. The dollar rose to 125.730 yen from 125.485. Comments by Helmut Schlesing-

er, the Bundesbank president, highlighted the gap between German and U.S. interest rates. Mr. Schlesinger defended the Bundesbank's tight credit policy in a newspaper interview. While the Bundesbank's discount rate is 8 percent and German call money is at 9.70 percent. the Federal Reserve's discount rate is just 3.5 percent and federal funds, the U.S. overnight interbank rate, are at 4.125 percent. Stephen Jury, chief dealer at

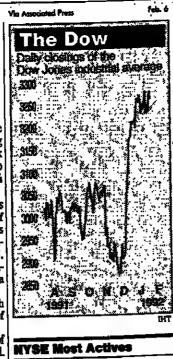
Chemical Bank, said that much of the market is already short dollars

ahead of the employment data, so that the U.S. unit has more room to

rise on etrong jobs numbers than to

fall on weak ones. "Most people think another credit ease is a foregone conclusion," said David Lapin, national foreign exchange sales manager for Bank of America. With the U.S. discount rate at its lowest level in more than two decades, however, "how much lower can we go?" he asked.

The dollar also weakened in earlier European trading. The dollar was at 1.5805 DM in London, down from 1.5880 DM on Wednesday; at 125,70 yen, down from 125,80; at 1,4100 Swiss francs, down from 1,4155, and at 5,3835 French francs, down from 5.4135. The pound gained to \$1.8168 from \$1.8075. (Reuters, Bloomberg)



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Newmont Plans Uzbekistan Venture DENVER (AP) — Newmont Mining Corp. said Thursday it has signed a tentative agreement with Uzbekistan to launch a gold mining project in

The 50-50 venture would use Newmont's technology to extract gold the republic.

from lower grade ores near the Muruntan mine, about 250 miles (400 kilometers) northwest of Tashkent, executives said. Newmont hopes to finalize the agreement next month and begin production late next year.

Salomon Posts Loss for 4th Quarter

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Salomon Inc. said Thursday that it lost \$29 million in the fourth quarter due to a weak performance by its Phibro energy unit and lower revenue from securities trading.

Separately, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, E. Gerald Corrigan, said in congressional testimony that Salomon Brothers may be punished for admitted improprieties in bond trading even if it is

Despite the scandal over Treasury bond trading and a \$34 million loss for the year by the company's energy unit, Philbro, Salomon posted a profit of \$507 million for the year, compared with \$303 million in 1990. Salomon said its Salomon Brothers securities unit earned \$27 million salomon to the year, compared with \$300 million in 1990. before taxes in the fourth quarter, compared with a loss of \$90 million in the year-earlier period, which was weak across Wall Street.

Case Revamp Puts Tenneco in Red HOUSTON (Reuters) — Tenneco Inc. said Thursday it had a loss of \$732 million in 1991, mainly due to the costs of restructuring its troubled J. I. Case farm and construction equipment business.

The company also reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$26 million, compared with a profit of \$130 million a year earlier, but said it expected

an upturn later this year.

The 1991 loss compared with a profit of \$561 million in 1990. Tenneco took a charge of \$552 million, primarily to cover the restructuring of J. I. Case, where earnings were hurt by the recession. In December, the company said it was laying off thousands of workers at Case's worldwide congruings and closing plants. operations and closing plants.

Chrysler Reports Operating Losses HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan (Combined Dispatches) — Chrysler

Corp. on Thursday reported operating losses of \$30 million for the fourth quarter of 1991 and \$665 million for the year, and its chairman said the red ink would get worse in the first quarter of this year. Lee A. Iacocca, the company's chairman, said rising costs and the weak U.S. economy would result in a wider 1992 first-quarter loss than the pretax \$74 million shortfall in the fourth quarter of last year.

The No. 3 U.S. automaker's figures for 1991 excluded a \$127 million of the court of

after-tax gain in the fourth quarter from the sale of its half-interest in Diamond-Star Motors Corp. Including the extraordinary gain, the company had a \$97 million profit in the quarter.

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The company also recorded an accounting change in the first quarter that swelled the 1991 net loss to \$795 million. The losses were generally in line with analysts' predictions. Revenue last year fell to to \$29.4 billion from \$30.6 billion in 1990.

For the Record

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American Telephone & Telegraph Co. plans to cut up to 2,000 nonunion jobs in its division that makes phone switching gear and cable. (AP) International Business Machines Corp. plans a manufacturing alliance with and investment in Solectron Corp., a San Jose, California, electronic

Trump Plaza Hotel & Casino and Trump's Castle Casino Resort, two Atlantic City New Jersey properties in the battered empire of Donald J. Trump, a planning to file for bankruptcy protection in a so-called prepackaged agreement with creditors.

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2 French Firms Feel Property Slump Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches

PARIS - The real estate slump hit home at two French companies on Thursday, as the builder Spie Batignoiles announced a 1991 loss and Compagnie Bancaire a 1.6 billion franc (\$296 million) capital plan for its troubled property lender UCB.

Spic Batignolles announced the resignation of its chairman, Georges de Buffevent, as it reported a consolidated loss of 950 million francs for 1991. Spie, a subsidiary of Schneider SA, had a profit of 250 million francs the previous year.

The loss was particularly due to poor business conditions in "leisure real estate": Meantime, Compagnie Bancaire, itself a subsid-

iary of Compagnie Financière de Paribas, arranged to buy the 6.3 percent of Union de Crédit pour le Bâtiment it doesn't already own at 187 francs a share. Bancaire bought 4 percent of UCB's stock from Fédération Nationale du Bâtiment and bid for 2.3 percent on the market.

Bancaire then will inject 1.5 billion francs in (AFP, Bloomberg) capital into UCB.

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Elf Nails Down Russian Deal

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MOSCOW - Société Nationale Ell Aquitaine, the French state-controlled oil company, signed a major contract on Thursday to explore for and produce oil in the Saratov-Volgograd region of central Russia.

The agreement, the first of its kind between Russia and a foreign company, was signed in Moscow by Elf's president, Loik Le Floch-Prigent. It took nearly two years to negotiate with Soviet and then Russian

The signing of the agreement coincided with a visit to France by President Boris N. Yeltsin.

An official with Mr. Yeltsin said that Russia intended to sell or lease to foreigners half its oil production facilities and exploration rights.

The country's output has plummeted as a result of political and economic upheaval, but foreign investment would be expected to boost output.

Viadislav Sorokin, chief of the Russian Foreign Ministry's economics department, said in Paris that Russia was preparing laws to allow foreign companies to acquire large blocks of shares in soon-to-be priva-

tized oil companies. He said the country also aims to offer 60-year leases on exploration sites.

Elf plans to invest several hundred million dollars in exploration work and this might rise to "billions of dollars during the production phase depending on the size of the field," Mr. Le Floch-Prigent said in Moscow.

year, Elf said production might begin about 1995. Elf will be the exclusive operator for 20 years in an area of 20,000 square kilometers (about 8,000 square

miles) near Saratov on the banks of the Volga, ft will share the output with Russia.

the minister of geology of the Soviet Union.

The other big French oil company, Total SA, is well

And Elf is supposed soon to sign a similar contract with Kazakhstan for exploration and production in the Aktiubinsk area.

KLM's Loss Narrowed in Quarter

AMSTERDAM - KLM Royal Datch Airlines reported Thursday a net loss of 8.6 million guilders (\$4.8 million) for the last three months of 1991, much narrower than its loss a year earlier, and forecast a modest profit for the financial year that ends March 31.

The airline, which is in the mid-

die of wide-ranging cooperation talks with British Airways PLC, posted a loss of 630 million guilders in the 1990-91 financial year, when the Gulf crisis kept seats empty.

guilders for the current year.

The loss for the year-earlier

German Opposition Stalls Tax Rise

BONN — Germany's opposition Social Democrats have stalled government plans to raise value-added tax but independent economists said Thursday the rate reform should pass easily after regional elections in April.

"We still have to assume that it will come to a VAT increase as of Jan. 1," 1993, said Jürgen Pfister, chief economist at Commerzbank AG in Frankfurt. "A few additional states will say yes after the

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling coalition failed on Wednesday to win the support of the Social Democrats to carry through a tax reform plan, which includes a VAT increase to 15 percent from 14 percent starting next year. Parliament's upper house, representing the 16 states, is dominated

by the SPD and is expected to reject the tax plan next week. The package has already passed through the more powerful lower house.

Once the agreement has been approved by the Russian parliament, surveying could begin in the spring, and the first drill hole sunk of the end of the

The preliminary agreement was signed May 23, 1990 by Elf and the minister of petroleum and gas and

advanced in negotiations to exploit untapped oil fields west of the Urals, in the Timan Pechora basin.

quarter, the third of the financial

year, was 213.9 million guilders. Analysts have said they expect net profit of 175 to 250 million

KLM said the improvement in profit for this year's third quarter was achieved through an improved load factor and better average returns, measured in yield per ton/kilometer, together with a reduction of 8 percent in average unit costs.

The lower unit costs were the result of a 22 percent drop in fuel costs and an improvement in personnel productivity.

The load factor, which is the proportion of capacity used, rose to 71.7 percent from 70.9 percent a year earlier.

The third quarter results included a one-time profit of 13.6 million gnilders, largely from the sale of a 49 percent stake in KLM Helikopters to Rowan Aviation BV. In the year-earlier quarter there was an extraordinary loss of 107.1 million guilders from reorganization COSTS

Reveone rose to 1.99 billion guilders in the 1991 quarter from 1.65 billion a year earlier.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

Hafslund To Spin Off Shipping

OSLO - Hafslund Nycomed A/S, a Norwegian conglomerate, said Thursday it would spin off most of its shipping unit to increase the appeal of its stock before it is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Hafshind, which also operates in pharmaceuticals and hydroelectric power, is not well known in America, said Erik Cameron, a company spokes-man. "All U.S. investors know is that we are a fairly unknown Norwegian company with in-terests in pharmaceuticals and hydroelectricity. We feel our listing will be better received without shipping."

Halslund plans to form a shipping company named Ac-tinor Shipping A/S, and give it a listing on the Oslo bourse. If they approve the spin-off, Hafslund shareholders would receive one Actinor share for every 200 Hafslund shares. Hafslund said it intended to keep 25 percent of Actinor.

The plan is linked to Norwe an tax changes that take effect at the end of 1992, said Ole Slorer, a Scandinavian analyst at County NatWest Securities in London. Companies will no longer be able to take advantage of most depreciation benefits relating to shipping.

The company's fleet com-prises 13 ships and a 50 percent holding in an offshore accommodation rig.

Separately, Hasflund re-ported a 26 percent jump in 1991 pretax profit, to 1.31 billion kroner. Results were boosted by strong sales of a contrast fluid used to make Xray pictures clear.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)

France Says EC Rule **Unfair to State Firms**

By Charles Goldsmith International Herald Tribine

BRUSSELS — France, claiming its large public sector is suffering discrimination, said on Thursday it has filed a legal challenge to new EC Commission rules requiring large, state-controlled manufacturing companies to submit annual reports designed to reveal illegal state and "We are contesting the substance as well as the form of these rules," said

a French official in Brussels. The French challenge to the rules, issued in July, was quietly filed during December in the European Court of Justice. "We think the commission is discriminating against public companies as compared to private companies, because large private companies are not required to submit these reports," the French official said. "They want so many things in these reports, and there is no reason for it. It puts public companies in an inferior situation."

The regulations issued by the commission cover public manufacturing concerns with annual sales exceeding 250 million European Currency Units (\$322.4 million). About 150 companies were expected to be affected, and the commission said the rules might be extended beyond manufacturing. The companies must provide balance sheets for their 1989 and 1990 financial years. Beginning with 1991, member states must also provide information on capital, loans, guarantees, nonrefundable grants and forgoing of debt repayment involving those companies. The rules define public companies as those with at least 51 percent state ownership. France said the commission was procedurally wrong to issue the rules without first seeking the approval of EC member states. The French government filed a similar procedural challenge last fall to an antitrust

agreement between the EC and the United States. Tension between France and EC competition officials has run high since October, when the commission blocked the takeover of Boeing Co.'s De Havilland aircraft division by Aerospaniale SA of France and Alema SpA of Italy

This week, the Court of Justice said the commission violated EC legal procedures in seeking repayment of £44.4 million (\$80 million) of aid given by the British government to British Aerospace PLC when it bought the carmaker Rover in 1988.

Pharmaceuticals Lift Schering Profit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BERLIN - Schering AG, buoyed by strong sales of pharmaceuticals, reported Thursday that its 1991 net profit had risen 6.2 percent to 274 million Dentsche

marks (\$173.4 million). Schering, by contrast to other big German chemical companies, relies very heavily on pharmaceuticals, and this situation helped it in a year when the earnings of other chemical producers were sapped by retioo in major markets.

Schering said its revenue rose 7.4 percent last year to 6.36 billion DM. Pharmaceutical sales were up 15 percent, to 3.59 billion DM. Pharmaceuticals accounted for

85 percent of profit, analysts said. It was a very good year and the third year in a row that pharmaceu-ticals carried earnings growth," said Kiran Bhojani, an analyst at M.M. Warburg & Co.

A decline in agrochemical sales in the early part of 1991 as a result of bad weather was more than offset by buoyant sales in the antumn. Schering said, Agrochemical sales rose 8 percent to 1.52 billion DM in

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Kansallis-Osake-Pankki, Finland's biggest commercial bank, sold its 8.5 percent stake in the electronics company Oy Nokia AB for 542 million markka (\$123.2 million) to a consortium led by Union Bank of Finland. • Offvetti SpA expects a 1991 loss of at least 290 billion lire (\$245 million), a reversal of the previous year's profit of 60.4 billion lire.

Switzerland's annual inflation rate dropped to 4.9 percent in January, dipping below 5 percent for the first time since May 1990. • Tecnicas Reunidas SA of Spain signed a 30 hillion peseta (\$300 million)

contract to build a steel mill for China National Technical Import-Export. . Amer NV, the Dutch insurer, sold its 5 percent stake in Grolsch NV, the brewer, at 179 guilders a share, or 27.03 million guilders (\$15.2 million). • A.P. Moeller Group said Danish North Sea crude oil production hit a record 679,000 tons in January.

 Renault Véhicules Industriels expects a profit for 1991 after a loss of 102 million francs (\$18.9 million) in 1990.

 Donau Bank AG, has been barred by Austria's Commercial Court from making payments to its parent, Russia's foreign trade bank, on grounds that Donau owed an Austrian company 67 million schillings (\$6 million). • Banco Santander of Spain bought a 90 percent stake in an Italian financial group, Coffgest SpA, for 2.5 billion pesetas.

Agusta Said to Set EC Warns Italy on Heel-Dragging 2,000 Layoffs

· ROME — The Italian helicopter maker Agusta, part of the loss-making state holding concern EFIM, plans to lay off 2,000 workers, in-

dustry sources said Thursday. A spokeswoman for the company confirmed that Agusta had presented a substantial restructuring plan to trade unions but declined to give details.

Agusta, hit by the contraction of nies lining up to benefit from a state-subsidized layoff system.

BRUSSELS - Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission, has told Italy to speed up adoption of European Community laws or risk being left out when the group's 11 other states eliminate border restrictions in January, EC sources

said Thursday. In a letter sent to the Italian government on Jan. 28, the head of the EC executive body criticized the Italian Parliament for transposdefense exports after the end of the ing EC rules into national laws Cold War, is the latest in a long line more slowly than any other Com-Mr. Delors warned Italian au-

the simation was so serious that other EC states could legitimately refuse to lift border controls with Italy on Jan. I, when the EC single market is scheduled to be in place.

Such a delay, one official said, "can cause real problems for the other states, which will feel deprived of EC protection." Commission figures show that as

of Dec. 10, Italy had incorporated into its national law only 65 of the 137 EC single-market directives that are supposed to become na-Denmark, the leader in complithorities, the EC sources said, that ance, had transposed 121 laws.

fn Rome, Foreign Minister Giarmi De Michelis made no attempt to play down the seriousness of Mr. Delors's complaint.

On Wednesday, a day before news of the letter became public, Mr. De Michelis had said that Italy should reform its institutions to curb the Parliament's ability to slow national progress.

"You cannot rule a country where Parliament takes months. years or even centuries to approve legislation." be said. Parliament on happening, it will force us out of

Liberty Rejects Shareholder Call for Shake-Up

LONDON - Liberty PLC, the British retailer, rejected on Thursday a call from a major shareholder for a shake-up of the ailing

Liberty rejected proposals from the Myerson family, owners of 15.1 percent of the company, as "lacking in substance" and be-

"short on detail." The South African family, through their company Concerto Capital Corp., said late Wednesday that they wanted Liberty to appoint a new chief executive and to raise £20 million (\$36.3 million) by selling new shares to existing shareholders.

The family said it would want to buy £13 million worth of the new shares, which would increase its stake to 28 percent.

The Myersons said they planned to seek a shareholder meeting to enlist support. Brian Myerson, managing director of Eur-

osuisse Securities Ltd., has said he has no intention of bidding for the company. Liberty shares rose 10 pence to 660 pence

on the London Stock Exchange Thursday. The Myersons said their aim was to spur more aggressive growth at the retailer, whose profits have slumped because of recession and because of a decline in tourism to Britain. Liberty operates 17 stores, four of them in the

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WASHINGTON — Two Japa-nese automakers are seeking Commerce Department permission to extend favorable duties they now ations standing to merican-made cars. The companere fighting to miss want to expand their factories in the United States without paying higher tariffs on the additional parts they will need to import.

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The total market is worth \$20 billion a year,

At Home, Fewer Imports

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO - Sales of imported cars in Japan fell in January for the 13th month in a row, a trade group said Thursday, even though overall auto sales in the country rose for the first time in 17 months.

The group, the Japan Automobile Importers Association, has forecast that import sales will rise to 220,000 in 1992 from 197, 184 in 1991, but iodustry analysts said Thursday that this was unlikely.

They said that sales of foreign cars were under pressure not only because of the slowdown in the domestic economy, but also because of a growing consumer preference for Japanese huntry cars. Noriyuki Matsushima, a car industry analyst at the Nikko Re-

search Center, predicts sales of imported cars at 190,000 or lower in 1992, and Shinji Moriyuki at Daiwa Institute of Research says they are unlikely to reach 200,000, after falling 11.1 percent in 1991. The automobile importers association, in its January report, said sales of foreign cars had fallen 9.3 percent from a year earlier to 9,585

But U.S. calculations, which do not include

products considered basically manufactured in

Japan or "captive" products like chips that

companies such as International Business Ma-

chines Corp. makes and uses itself, put foreign makers' share at 14.3 percent. Some signs suggest that the United States might accept something less than the full 20

"If it's 19 percent, that would indicate sub-stantial progress," said Roger Mathus, Tokyo representative of the Semiconductor Industry

Association. "If the share is still only 14 per-

over a year and the current stagnation in Ja-pan's electronics industry is limiting Japanese

U.S. market share, however, has been flat for

cent, then that's a big problem."

can parts by 1994, to \$19 billion, a commitment that was based on a 50 percent expansion in Japanese production in the United States. American parts makers and some Democratic members of Con-

gress are pushing to tighten up. Representative Sander M. Levin, a Michigan Democrat, said he plans to introduce legislation this year to curb the expansion of ex-

But be added that the bill would likely apply only to new exemptions because American businesses and local governments did not

percent figure.

want existing foreign and domestic factories to lose their exemptions.

(AFP, Reuters)

"The problem is that the horse is very much out of the barn," he said, and all we can probably do is

apply this to new horses." The political debate over auto parts is already beginning to affect bureaucratic consideration of the requests by the two Japanese carmakers. "It's likely to take a little more time because of all the consideration going on now," said a Commerce Department official

making the Japanese chip market the largest in makers' scope to buy from outside sources.

little impact.

become necessary.

to such suggestions.

Toyota said they expected the expanded exemptions to be approved and declined to discuss what they would do if the exemptions were denied. All but a handful of the nation's five dozen American- and Japanese-owned auto assembly plants are already covered by the exemptions, said James M. Wiseman, a Toyota spokesman. He add-ed, "We don't see why this should be handled any differently."

Toyota is expanding annual production at its factory near Georgetown, Kentucky, to 400,000 cars from 220,000, while Nissan is increasing its annual output in Smyrna, Tennessee, to 450,000 cars from 250,000,

Nissan filed an application last year to broaden its duty exemption to cover the extra output while Thyota has sent a letter to the Commerce Department stating its intent to apply for a similar expanded

Both plants are labeled "foreign trade zones," a designation that provides favorable tariff treatment. In addition to paying the reduced 2.5 percent duty on parts built into a car sold domestically, the factories pay no duty on parts built into cars that are then exported.

The difference in duties saves automakers from \$25 to \$50 a car for their American sales and up to

Tokyn representatives of U.S. companies said while the move was welcome, the activities

of small Japanese companies, which are often

closely linked to larger chipmakers, would have

Japanese companies' product portfolios, and

For the short term, the U.S. side is analyzing

But Japanese firms are unlikely to take kind-

Vietnam Opens Zone For Export Processing

HO CHI MINH CITY - Vietnam opened its first free-trade zone on Thursday, a \$90 million joint project with two Taiwan firms that marks Taiper's biggest single investment in Vietnam.

The Tan Thuan zone on the southern outskirts of Ho Chi Minh City will cover 300 hectares (720 acres) and be built over six years by Central Trade & Development Corp. and Pan Viet Corp., both of Taiwan, and by Ho Chi Minh City. Construction began Thursday,

said the joint-venture company, Tan Thuan Corp.
Central Trade & Development, owned by Taiwan's ruling nationalist party, and Pan Viet, a private development company, will each put up \$15 million cash equity, said Lawrence Ting, chairman of the joint venture. The Taiwan partners plan to borrow \$60 million for the project, Mr. Ting added.

Foreign businessmen here said that Central Trade & Development's role in the trade zone showed Taipei's approval of growing Taiwan investment in Vietnam.

Taiwan has no diplomatic ties with Vietnam, but became the biggest foreign to vestor in Vietnam last year, with approved projects worth \$439 million by June 1991.

Tan Thuan Corp. hopes to attract 300 foreign manufacturing and processing companies. These are expected to be mostly Taiwan companies making textiles and garments, wood products, home appliances, leather goods, footwear, paper, plastics, electronic parts, and processors of food and beverages.

The zone will also offer import and export duty exemptions, other tax breaks and "one-stop" service for foreign manufacturers seeking

business licenses in set up there. 2 French Banks Escalate **Credit Dispute in Seoul**

SEOUL - Société Générale and Banque Nationale de Paris said Thursday they suspended business with six South Korean banks for nonpayment of letters of credit they wrote for Shinhan Interna-MIII last month said it had increased to 226 tional Ltd., a trading company that from 63 the number of companies it was asking allegedly used forged documents to to increase their foreign chip purchases to 20 obtain the guarantees.

Sneiete Generale suspended business and scaled down credit lines to the six banks, Commercial Bank of Korea, Korea First Bank, Hanil Bank, Bank of Senni, KorAm Bank and Hana Bank, a bank executive said.

The two French banks filed a drawing up a list of parts that it thinks fit the lawsuit in Hone Kong last month needs of Japanese makers.

If this fails to yield significant results, Mr.

Mathus said "more drastic" measures might gainst some of the Korean banks. The total amount of letters of credit that the South Korean banks refuse to honor for the two French banks and National Bank of Canada is

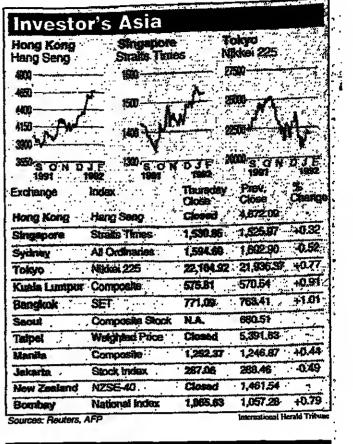
The South Korean banks said they would not make good on the letters of credit because Shinhan International obtained them by presenting forged bills of lading and trade oills for goods it pretended it was importing from Hong Kong. Shinhan claimed it imported the

goods between Dec. 27 and Jan. 8, and it went bankrupt on Jan. 9. Shinhan's owner, Huh Byung Koo, has fled South Korea.

"This is just outrageous. We're dealing with South Korean banks and lent the money to them, not to Shinhan International," said Pierre Grandamy, BNP general manager in Seoul.

"Shinhan International is not our client, but the client of South Korean banks," said an executive

of the National Bank of Canada. The Bank of Korea's Office of Banking Supervision has been investigating the case.



Very briefly:

 The Oil & Natural Gas Commission, a state-owned company in India, reportedly struck gas and oil in three separate offshore areas in the Arabian Sea near Bombay; two oil wells have combined daily flows of 3.667 barrels and a "commercial flow" of gas was obtained at a third site. The Shanghai stock exchange has sold more than two million share subscription certificates, which guarantee holders can by stock in offer-ings and replace a lottery system for listings.

• The Philippines annual inflation rate fell to 10 percent last month, down from 12.4 in December and 17.7 percent in all of 1991.

• Fujitsu Ltd. said its majority-owned British subsidiary ICL Ltd. would export medium-sized UNIX-based computers to Japan, where they will be marketed by C. Itoh & Co.

British Broadcasting Corp. won permission from Thailand to set up a short-wave relay station for its World Service in Asia.

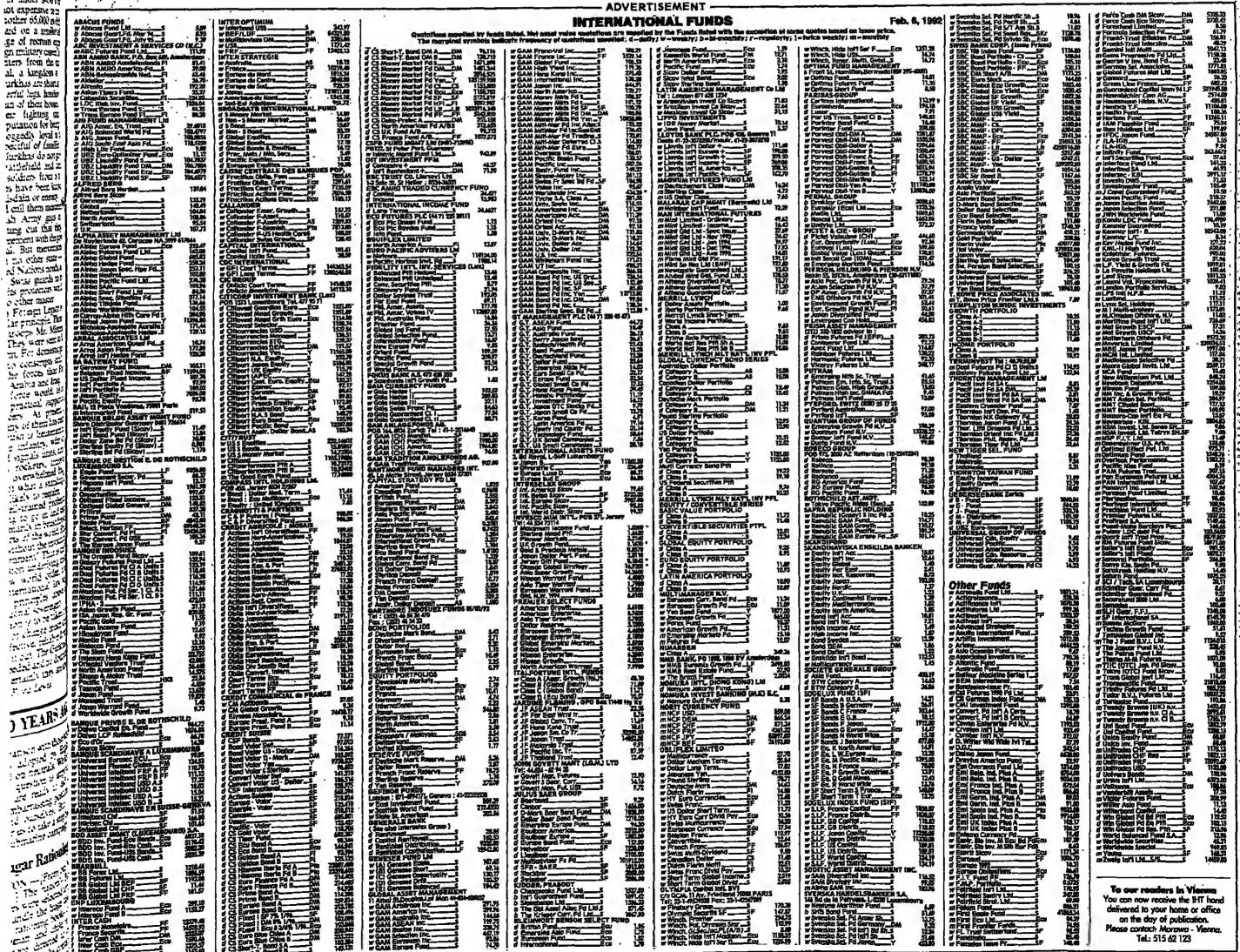
Philippines Seeks Deal on Bank Debt

MANILA - The Philippines is seeking World Bank support for a buyback of Manila's debt to banks, Finance Secretary Jesus Estanislao said on Thursday. Mr. Estanislae said the country wanted support from the World Bank for the proposed buyback of \$500 million to \$700 million.

Under an agreement last August, the Philippines will restructure \$5.3 billion of its outstanding commercial debt through a series of options including the issue of bonds that would extend repayment periods.

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N. Carolina Hands No. 1 Duke First Defeat of Season, 75-73

By Mark Maske

CHAPEL HILL North Carolina - Duke knew it would probably come - a game in which even its talent and grit couldn't save it against an inspired opponent playing nearly flawless basketball. Duke just didn't want it to come

against this opponent. North Carolina, the final team to beat the Blue Devils last year, became the first to defeat them this season. Duke's hopes for going undefeated ended here Wednesday night, the Tar Heels using a secondhalf surge and holding on for a 75-

73 victory Derrick Phelps's two free throws with 44 seconds to go proved decisive, but some wild play remained Duke's Christian Laettner missed a lay-up while being bumped by Eric Montross with 25 seconds left, and -after a wild scramble at the other end of the court - Lacttner's driving shot from short range bounced off the rim in the final moments.

Top-ranked Duke (17-1, 8-1) had a 23-game winning streak ended. No. 9 North Carolina improved to 16-3, 6-2. Hubert Davis paced North Carolina with 16 points and Montross provided 12 points and nine rebounds. Brian Davis led Duke with 17 points while Thomas

North Carolina, backed by a crowd ready to explode from the outset, jumped to a quick five-point lead. But a 3-pointer by point guard Bobby Hurley appeared to get Duke settled in.

After Hubert Davis's driving basket gave the Tar Heels an 11-7 advantage. Duke used a suffocating defense and five points from Hill to reel off a 9-0 burst. North Carolina's most athletic frootcourt player, sophomore forward Brian Reese, was on the bench after three fouls in the opening three minutes, and the Tar Heels were facing an early crisis.

North Carolina got off to a quick start in the second half. Duke's offense briefly was uncharacteristically disjointed, missing four shots and committing four turnovers while going scoreless over the initial 4:35. Ten straight North Carolina points had Duke facing its largest deficit of the season - 48-- with 15:46 remaining

The Blue Devils didn't fold, get-ting back to 50-48 on a Hill 3- western (8-11, 1-8) to 15 consecupointer. North Carolina oudged tive games. Michigan struggled to the lead back up to six points on a lead 24-23 at halftime, but pulled

dori dunk. It was 65-59 after Montross's two free throws with 91/2

Brian Davis's fast-break jam. It was 73-67 with 2:32 left, but Duke made its move. Lay-ups by Davis and Grant Hill, and a followup basket by Laettner tied the game at 73 with a minute to go.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, The Associated Press report-

Nebraska 85, No. 2 Oktahoma St. 69: In Lincoln, Nebraska, sophomore point guard Jamar Johnsoo scored a career-high 25 points and outmaneuvered a pressure defense to pace the upset of previously unbeaten Oklahoma State.

The Cornhuskers (15-4, 3-3) opened an 18-11 edge with 11:30 left in the first half. The Cowboys (20-1, 4-1) repeatedly cut the lead to one or two points before Johnson hit a 3-point field goal with 2:38 to go, and Nebraska oever looked back.

Tennessee 83. No. 5 Arkansas 81: In Knoxville, Tennessee, Allan Houston scored the game-winner with 43 seconds left and blocked Todd Day's 3-point attempt with 10 seconds remaining. Warren Linn then came out of a mid-court scramble with the ball and fired it to Robert Shepherd, who missed a wide open short jumper - and Day's tip-in wouldn't fall.

Tennessee (13-7, 5-3) now has more victories than it managed all of last season. Arkansas fell to 17-

No. 8 Ohio St. 86, Wisconsin 72: In Columbus, Ohio, Chris Jent scored a career-high 27 points and Jim Jackson had 26 as Ohio State (15-3, 7-1) came back from a sevenpoint second-half deficit. The victory moved the Buckeyes back into a tie with Indiana for the top spot in the Big Ten.

No. 12 Missouri 81, Iowa State 71: In Columbia, Missouri, Jevon Crudup scored 19 points and Mel-vin Booker added 17 as Missouri (15-3, 3-2) used an 18-4 run in the second half to down Iowa State (16-5, 2-3).

No. 15 Michigan 81, Northwestem 58: In Ann Arbor, Michigan, the Wolverines (13-5, 5-4) extended

Davis jumper and a Kevin Salva- away in the second half, when Jalen Rose scored 12 of his 14 points. No. 18 Alabama 74, Texas A&M

minutes to play, but Duke again dig in and got to within 67-66 on trell Sprewell scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half as Alabama (18-4) defeated Texas A&M, handing the 3-14 Aggies their 10th straight loss.

Colorado 70, No. 21 Oklahoma 68: In Boulder, Colorado, Donnie Boyce made two free throws with 12 seconds left in overtime to scal Colorado's upset of Oklahoma (14-

No. 22 LSU 70, Florida 50: In Gainesville, Florida, Shaquille O'Neal scored 23 points, grabbed 15 rebounds, blocked six shots and drew 14 fouls to lead Louisiana State (14-4, 7-1) past Florida (10-9,

Maryland 93, No. 23 Florida State 85: In Tallahassee, Florida, Walt Williams scored 38 points his seventh straight ACC game with more than 30 — to pace Mary-land (9-10, 2-7) to an upset over

Florida State (14-6, 6-4). Clemson 95, No. 24 Georgia Tech 78: In Clemson, South Carolina, Clemson (12-6, 2-5), scoring every time they touched the ball in the extra period, came within one point of the national record for overtime scoring in a victory over Georgia Tech (15-7, 3-5). The Tigers scored 24 points, one less than the national record of 25 last reached by Wisconsin-Green Bay in 1987-88.



George Lynch going after Duke's Christian Laettner for a steal.

3d Time Lucky for Santiago

Arbitrator Awards Padres' Catcher Record \$3.3 Million

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SAN DIEGO - In winning the rubber match of his three-hearing series with the San Diego Padres, Benito Santiago has gained the highest pay ever for a catcher based

strictly on salary: \$3.3 million. It was also the second highest salary ever awarded in arbitration, falling \$50,000 short of the salary Doug Drabek of Pittsburgh won

William Rentfro, the arbitrator, on Wednesday favored the salary Santiago submitted over the Padres' offer of \$2.5 million.

Santiago thus doubled his 1991 salary of \$1.65 million, which resulted from an arbitration loss; he had tried for \$2.5 million. The year before, he won at \$1.25 million over the Padres' \$750,000.

"It is the most rewarding arbitration victory I've ever had because the evidence was so difficult to explain," Santiago's agent, Scott Boras, said after Rentfro announced his decision.

Joe McIlvaine, the Padres' general manager, said: "Last year, Benito went and was a loser, he went this year and was a winner. Our feeling is, like in ballgames, you win some and you lose some. "I hope his winning will spur him to even greater heights this year."
Mickey Tettleton of Detroit has

the richest multiyear contract among catchers, \$8.5 million for Santiago's \$3.3 million exceeds

Tettleton's average annual value of leave. I don't want to \$2,833,333. But adding a provated I just want to think.

share of Tettleton's signing bonus to his salary brings Terileton's 1992 pay to \$3,333,333.

Santiago, who batted 267, hit 17 home runs and drove in 87 runs last

"The reason we lost last year, without a doubt, was that there was a lack of appreciation of the defensive character of Santiago," said Boras. "I had to give Santiago evidence to support the difference between catching in the National League and the American League, and to show the uniqueness of Santiago's abilities and how they bene-

fit the team." Hearings were held Wednesday in the cases of Jeff Innis of the New York Mets, Glenn Braggs of Cin-cinnati, Ken Patterson of the Chicago White Sox and Luis Polonia of California.

Three other players settled their salary differences. Junior Felix of California agreed to \$590,000, Greg Briley of Seattle \$570,000 and Tommy Gregg of Atlanta \$347,500. David Cone, concerned about the public perception of his deci-sion to break off negotiations on a

multiyear contract with the Mets, emphasized that his decision did not mean he intended to sign with another team at the end of the 1992 season, when he becomes eligible for free agency. "It's oot a pressure tactic," Cone

said of the halt in talks on a long-term deal, which left the Mets surprised. "I'm oot threatening to leave. I don't want to hold them up.



Santiago made a great catch in his arbitration with the Padres.

Time is my ally now. I don't have to do this today or tomorrow. I want to go to Florida, talk with my family. I want it to be a family

The Mets, who have said they remain open to restarting negotiations on a multiyear contract, are scheduled to meet with Cone's agent on Friday to begin exploring the chances of arriving at a one-

Cope has filed for arbitration, The Mets have submitted a figure of \$3 million while Coue has requested \$4.25. A hearing is set for Feb. 17. (NYT, AP)

Suddenly, Baseball Is Playing Geopolitical Damage Control

By Claire Smith

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Spin control, that po-btical, Washington kind of word, would ordinarily seem to have little value in the world of major league baseball. But, then the same could have been said about phrases like free trade, offshore interests and geopolitical ramifications.

Baseball has been flooded with all of the above lately. And this week the national pastime is trying to ease some of the damage caused by the intrusion of international

It is also trying to get back into a game that a Japanese-led business group seems to be wittning over the major leagues as it

made, when Commissioner Fay Vincent bashing become? This silly - professional this week that the would-be buyers of the left for a 10-day vacation in Jamaica after refusing to throw out a welcome mat to foreign interests.

In retrospect, Vincent said that was most likely a mistake. Considering the beating absorbed by his staff and by himself in absentia, it most definitely allowed the Scattle group to take an early lead in the public relations game.

Editorials in USA Today, The New York Times and other newspapers bashed' away at Vincent for what was seen as ball was caught by surprise by the Jan. 23 Japan-bashing, Baseball officials were even pummeled by The Detroit Free Press, a newspaper in the heart of the U.S. automotive center.

Baseball's series of miscalculations began the day after the Japanese bid was

How tough did it get?

The Free Press editorial started, "How silly has America's current spate of Japan-

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Vincent left on vacation, admits that baseannouncement in Seattle of Nimendo's intentions to bid for the team.

It was further caught off guard by what its director of public relations, Richard Levin, termed "an orchestrated public relations campaign."

In retrospect, the policy seeme
The St. Petersburg (Florida) Times said more questions than answers.

timated that the policy against foreign ownership might now have to be invoked. In retrospect, the policy seemed to generate

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and nothing was said."

cult time is the timing. It's made a big

public splash because of concerns about

policies at the national level. Baseball, for-

tunately or unfortunately, got caught right

in the middle of that by accident. That

makes it all the more difficult than it ordi-

Really, what does it mean to say you baseball may deprive Seattle of its major Mariners had at least four major public don't want any international interests league more or less team rather than tolerate

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Nintendo Inc., the company that would put up 60 percent of the purchase price if

> Yes. Arakawa is Japanese, but he's also a 15-year resident of Seattle, has kids in schools there, has something no other Mariners' owner in recent history ever posnarily might have been. Remember, the sessed - a Washington state driver's li-

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owners came up with the policy a year ago As for Vincent, the damage control continues. He has laughed at some of the DLENTY WAS SAID after Vincent inpersonal attacks.

But the barbs at baseball he takes seriously, "because they could be permanent, they could stick. I don't want that to happen."

BOOKS

SALEM IS MY DWELLING PLACE: A Life of Nathaniel Hawthorne

\$35. University of Iowa Press, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

By Edwin Haviland Miller. 596 pages.

Reviewed by Patrick McGrath WHAT sort of a Hawthorne emerges from Edwin Haviland Miller's bi-

ography? A fastidious man, guarded and ambivalent, deeply uxorious, painfully shy, and troubled by dark, suppressed impulses. In his youth he is literary editor Evert A. Duyckink's "fine ghost in a case of iron," A. Bronson Alcott's "damsel imprisoned in [a] manly form," a beauti-ful, Byronic figure with whom Anthony Trollope fell in love at first sight.

This effete youth grows up to write a masterpiece about sexual guilt and the moral corrosion it produces, displaying an almost uncanny appreciation of what were to become the fundamental tenets of psychoanalysis, "In the depths of every heart," he says in one of his early tales, "there is a tomb and a dungeon, though the lights, the music, the revelry above may cause us to forget their existence, and the buried ones, or prisoners

whom they hide."
In 1842, at the age of 38, he marries Sophie Peabody, bluestocking daughter of a Salem dentist, and his social and familial existence is stable and tranquil

thereafter. (Flaubert may have had Hawthorne in mind when he preed writers to live bourgeois lives so as to be wild in their art.) Three novels follow "The Scarlet Letter," but fiction, for Hawthorne, becomes increasingly difficult, and he grows more melancholy. He dies in 1874. Among his pallbearers are Emerson, Longfellow and Oliver Wendell Holmes

The electrifying story here is one of psychological and creative experience; this biographer tends however to concen-trate on the anodyne spectacle of the Hawthornes happy marriage. This is a pity. Hawthorne was a profoundly complex, imaginatively perverse individual. Among his forebears were William Hawthorne and his son John, fierce Puritans who wheld with enormous zest the draconian laws of the New England colonies

in the 17th century. These two functioned as a sort of ghastly two-beaded superego in Haw-thome's psyche: Reviled and rejected by the author, at the same time they haunted him with the awareness of the con-tempt in which (he assumes) they would have held the work he was doing, the writing of romances — how vain and trivial that would appear, in contrast to their own severe moral project. If Hawthorne was thus conflicted, at the very root and core of his artistic being, then here perhaps is the source of the ambivalence and ambiguity that lend such dark power to the best of his work, and that

flaw the later, less successful fiction. One could go to town in a big way on Hawthorne's psychosexual conflicts.

This biography is inflected with only the mildest Freudianism, however, and this mildness contributes to the general sense of limp sentimentality. Nor does the bi-ographer offer an especially revealing picture of Hawthorne the public man, the political pragmatist who understood and exploited the spoils system of his time, to the extent of writing a campaign biography of Franklin Pierce and then, when his man was elected president, ac-

cepting a consulship in Liverpool. Hawthorne was inscrutable, reclusive, subtle and complicated, and what little he does reveal of himself is so riven with fissures that any portrait will inevitably be partial and tentative, and any narra-tive construction of a coherent, internally consistent life will to a large extent be

Each of us commises a multiplicity of selves, and if the biographer is to enter-tain he must make choices. These are aesthetic rather than factual choices; and while one applauds the breadth and comprehensiveness with which Edwin Miller has marshalled and arrayed the available facts of Hawthorne's life, one grows weary of this Caspar Milquetoast and his goody-goody wife. The feeling lingers that within the shadows of this copious. rambling story skulks the dark, compact and knotty tale of Hawthorne's seething psyche, struggling to claw free.

Patrick McGrath, the author most rewrote this for The

BRIDGE

I'M A HUMAN BEING AND YOU'RE A DOG ... By Alan Truscott

HE most successful partnership in the Tri-State Regional Championships held last month in Port Chester, New York, won two major events: the Women's Swiss Teams and the Stratified Women's Pairs. In the former they were aided by the diagramed deal, which dem onstrates that in bridge, as in life, silence can be golden.

Players who respond one no-trump with the South hand may show a profit if North happens to have precisely 4-4-3-2 distribution.

But the reluctance to support dia-monds will often turn out badly, and did so here. It is true that North might have bid two spades, suspecting a heart weak-ness, but most would choose the simple raise to three no-trump.

Three no-trump would have been avoided, and five diamonds reached as it was in the replay, if West had entered the

But West maintained a golden silence, ran her six heart tricks to defeat three notrump, and helped win her team some

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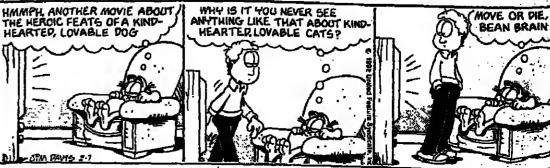
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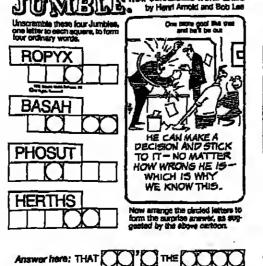




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By Harvey Araton

New York Times Service

"I worry because for four years I

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more times than I could remember.

I worry because now it is here but

there are things, like the weather, that are out of my control."

whipping up and a mist was rolling in to the top of Bellevarde, making

even the nearest snow-capped

As Russi spoke, the wind was

On a day that began with a sky of

brilliant blue, when one could see the finish line from the top of the

course, the midafternoon clouds

soon enveloped everything except

for the clifflike drop at the start.

At the top of Bellevarde, just away from the starter's shack over

by the small house the skiers will

use to keep warm while awaiting their run, the announcer, Dick Stockton, and a former U.S. Olym-

off elsewhere on the mountain, man-made avalanches to move

snow off the course.

"A big cherry bomb," Mill said.

Soon, as Russi left to inspect that area, he was replaced at the open end of the shack by Harald Schoenhaar, a former U.S. coach and the

start referee for Sunday's race. "I'm going to be up here for the next four days, watching these guys

drop right into this elevator shaft,

he said, looking out at nature's mir-

acle. "They'll all leave here with the

Riding up the mountain on the tram, Russi had been asked to re-

spond to criticism made last winter

by several downbillers - A. J. Kitt

of the United States among them

-- that the new course was indeed

challenging and quick at the top

bet not much of a true, kamikaze

"They wanted something special

a downhill that would be almost

completely visible from the town itself," Russi said. "This was the

mountain. You are not creating something from nothing. You are

working with what the mountain

too steep for a straightaway."
Russi, 44, is a Swiss who won the
Olympic downbill gold medal in

1972 and finished second to Franz

In 1982, he was asked by the

Swiss Federation to inspect a site

for a course it was hoping to build. Russi had opinions and, not many

years later, a reputation as the world's premier downhill architect.

He designed the downhill run for the 1988 Calgary Games and the

course that will be used at the 1994

Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

La Face de Bellevarde has not yet

been used in international competi-

were staged last year before weather canceled the World Cup event.

snow off the course.

same primal scream."

downhill after that.

Klammer in 1976.

would about a growing child.

Sunday afternoon.

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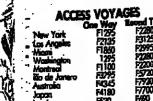












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COurse around." About one-third of the way down, there is the Tower Turn -a 110-degree right turn leading directly into a 90-degree left turn. Further down, there is the Boulder Turn — through a harrowing 12-meter-wide (40-foot) pass around a group of small boulders.

That turn leads into what Russi looking right into the finish line crowd, bleachers and village — and on into the final straightaway.

"I think the skiers will find something different that they think is the most difficult part," Russi said. "Just like some of them will agree with the way the course was set and some will not. It's going to be a good Olympic downhill, I know that. But I'm still nervous, probably more nervous than any of the racers."



Workers cleaning the luge and bobsled track in La Plagne on Thursday. Warm temperatures have made maintenance difficult.

Was injured was Bengt Gustafsson a longtime Washington Capital who is one of seven former National Hockey League players compet-

U.S. Hockey Team's Warmup Victories Over Swedes and French Marred by Strife

By Christine Brennan Washington Post Service

LA LECHERE France - The U.S. Olympic hockey team has played two exhibition games on successive nights, has won them both and has been involved in incidents with opponents or fans after

After beating France, 6-3, Tuesday night, U.S. and French players began pushing and shoving each other while they were lined up to shake hands. The minor altercation began when the defenseman Moe Mantha of the United States and an unidentified French player spat at each other, according to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

On Wednesday night in Chamonix, the Americans upset Sweden, 3-2, in front of a capacity crowd of 4,000, most of whom were Swedes. After the game, in which eight Swedish players suffered minor injuries, according to Swedish press accounts, fans threw cans and boitles on the ice as the U.S. players lest the rink. The Americans picked up the debris and threw some of it back into the stands.

One of the Swedish players who

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ing for Sweden's Olympic team. told Expressen, a Swedish daily, "It man who attended the game, Mike Gustafsson was bit in the mouth was more than dangerous. It was Moran. with a skate, hurt his teeth and disgusting. We lost, but we surrequired two or three stitches, said vived." Per Carlsson, assistant sports edi-

tor of the Swedish news agency TT. mark, said, "We must be happy But Gustafsson was not claiming that no one was seriously injured

quoted as saying. spok
However, the U.S. team was ning. strongly criticized by Sweden's

In the game between the United coaches for its "dangerous" style of

States and France, the teams were

play.

"I've never been so mad," the ers started grabbing and shoving swedish coach, Conny Evensson, each other, said a USOC spokes-

An assistant coach, Curt Lund-

he was intentionally injured by an the way the U.S. team played."

American.

U.S. coaches and officials were "It was an accident," he was not available for comment, a team spokeswoman said Thursday eve-

lined up to shake hands when play-

Snow and Rain Forecast for Sunday

ALBERTVILLE, France - Snow and rain could disrupt the first day of medal competition at the Winter Olympics on Sunday, including the men's downhill, weathermen said Thursday. The chief of the Games weather office, André Bellocq, said unsettled

weather would move into the Savoie region late Saturday, with snow at high altitude and rain in the valleys on Sunday.

"I hope the race can still be held," he said, referring to the men's downhill. "No more can be said for the moment."

Fine weather was still forecast to grace Saturday's opening ceremony in Albertville, but the valley town would see rain on Sunday, Bellocq said. The women's 3,000 meters speedskating race is scheduled for Sunday

afternoon at Albertville's open-air oval. The men's downhill and other events prone to weather disruption have been scheduled early in the program to allow for postponements. The men's downhill was postponed at both the 1984 and 1988 Games.

"I saw a Frenchman lying on the ice suddenly," Moran said. "The gloves went down and the sticks went down, but there really wasn't any fighting. I think it started when Mantha and a French player mutu-

ally spit on each other."
"It should never have happened," the U.S. coach, Dave Peterson, said after that game.

Fighting in Olympic hockey is unusual because of the more sweeping, less physical European style of play and because international rinks are wider, which places a premium on skating and passing

skills rather than on checking.

But the U.S. team comprises many players with NHL experi-ence, including veterans like Mantha, who left the Winnipeg Jets to join the Olympic team.

No matter what the reason Swedish dailies were filled with news of the incident after the game and the injuries to Sweden's play-

Sweden, a team many observer believe could win the gold medal here, now has lost three of its last four exhibitions. The United States finished its exhibition season with a 22-32-8 record overall, 13-18-5 against international opponents.

SIDELINES

pian, Andy Mill, were shooting a television spot for CBS. A loud, sudden thunder clap NBA Suspends Jordan for a Game made everyone jump. Mill explained that it was dynamite going

PHOENIX (AP) — The National Basketball Association suspended Michael Jordan for one game and fined him \$5,000 for bumping a referee while protesting a foul late in a triple-overtime loss to Utah on Monday. The suspension had to be served during a game Wednesday night against the Phoenix Sons. In Jordan's absence, the Sons reversed a 108-

loss in Chicago on Jan. 21 and beat the Bulls, 126-114. It was Chicago's second straight loss and fourth of a six-game road trip.

Jordan, who spent Tuesday playing golf at Phoenix Country Club, got the news Wednesday morning and left town after visiting his teammates. He had chartered a private jet to Orlando, Florida, site of the All-Star game on Sunday. In addition to the fine, Jordan lost about \$40,000—the amount he is paid for each game in the 82-game season.

Belgian Guilty in Soccer Incident

BRUSSELS (Renters) — The Belgian soccer player Yvan Desloover and his chib, Waregem, could face damages running into millions of Belgian francs after an appellate court found Desloover guilty of breaking the leg of the former Real Madrid and Anderlecht star Juan Lozano. The court ruled that Desloover was guilty of involuntary wounding as a result of a tackle during a Belgian first division match in 1987 in which Lozano suffered a double open leg fracture. The accident effectively ended the Spaniard's career. Lozano, the Anderlecht captain at the time, has undergone more than 10 operations and has never regained too form.

has undergone more than 10 operations and has never regained top form. The court ordered Deskover and Waregem to pay 750,000 francs (\$23,000) to Lozano pending a final decision on damages, which will follow a full report by a medical expert. Soccer officials said damages may total millions of francs.

Minsk Club Rejects Soccer League

MOSCOW (AFP) - Dynamo Minsk on Thursday joined the five Moscow soccer clubs in rejecting the new Commonwealth of Independent States football championship, due to start March 1.
"Dynamo Minsk cannot play in the CIS championship, the only

solution is to organize separate national leagues," said Yevgeni Shuntov, president of the Belarus Football Association.

Earlier this week, the five Moscow clubs - CSKA, Dynamo, Spartak, Torpedo and Lokomotiv, said they would not play in a CIS league, but were hoping to take part in a Russian national championship.

For the Record

Dan Maskell, the British broadcaster whose tennis commentaries for BBC television won him worldwide recognition, has announced his retirement. Maskell, 83, started in radio in 1949 and switched to TV in 1951. He has not missed a day's play at Wimbledon since 1929. (Reuters)

Larry Brown, who was fired last month as coach of the National Basketball Association's San Antonio Spurs, was named coach of the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday. He replaces Mike Schuler, who was fired tion, although two training runs

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CALIFORNIA—Agreed to terms with Junior Felix, outfielder, on one-year contract.
SEATTLE—Agreed to terms with Grag Sritev, outfielder, on one-year contract.
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ers coach, Stoned Steve Christie, placekicker, GREEN BAY-Named Kent Johnston strength and conditioning coach.

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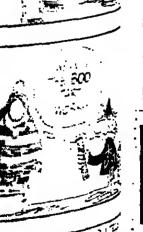
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He Laughs, He Jokes, but Tomba Is Dead Serious About His Titles

"After the Games, they will have to change the name to Alberto-ville." asking the questions. No doubt about it, he is actually enjoying this. — Alberto Tomba

By Doug Cress

KITZBUHEL, Austria — Somewhere in the middle of that crowd, buried beneath the notepads and the microphones and the cameras, is

You can tell because everybody is smiling. Including Tomba.

Riding a highly successful season into the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, where he is favored to win gold medals in both the slalom and giant slalom, Tomba might be expected to want some solitude so close to the Games. At least issue a moratorium on inter-

views, right? But the flamboyant Italian star has always preferred to hide in plain sight, and this Saturday afternoon a few weeks ago was no exception. For almost 45 minutes, Tomba has held court in the pressroom, deftly handling ques-tions that range from scandalous to mundane:

not control his career. Yes, he likes the Olympic slalom course. No, he's not seeing a psychiatrist — they just get together to talk as friends.

Tomba winks, he smirks, he calls the Italian

Yes, he will retire in 1995. No, his mother does

reporters by name. Pretty soon, he's the one

A phone on a nearby table rings. It's for Tomba, naturally. CBS wants to know if it's true that he is engaged to the reigning Miss Italy. It seems the 16-year-old beauty visited him recently in the Italian Alps, and then there was that rendezvous last summer on the beach.

On the way out, Tomba, 25, slips away from his handlers long enough to kiss a beautiful woman in the hall, then causes a traffic jam in Kitzbühel simply by crossing the street. He stops to check out a sports car and autographs everything that is thrust in front of him. There are still about 10,000 of his countrymen hanging from trees up on the course, their faces painted the red, white and green of the Italian

"I have a feeling," Tomba says, "that this is my year."

Later, away from the crowds that give him life. Tomba acknowledged that simply being Tomba takes a toll. In fact, he said, a lot of it is

"It is very difficult to be a champion in Italy," he explained. "There is a lot of envy, a lot of jealousy, a lot of greed. A lot of people expect me to win every race now, but that's ridiculous. Still, I feel the pressure. When I finish third in a race now, they say 'only' third
— but just being on the podium is a great

"I try to tell them I am doing the best I can. but there is no making these people happy. So I give them what they want.'

It's hard to imagine what more Tomba could do. He finished in the top three of his first 11 races this season. He took home \$45,000 in prize money from the World Cup opener in Park City, Utah, in November and his victory in Kitzbühel in January was the first by an Italian there in 17 years.

By last Sunday, Tomba comfortably led both the slalom and giant slalom rankings, having won five slaloms and two giants. Even though he skips the "risk" races of the downhill and the super-giant slalom - which climinates half the World Cup schedule -- Tomba was second in the overall standings before the Olympics, where he is widely expected to re-peat his double gold-medal performance of 1988.

Tomba even expects it of himself.

"Since the Olympics are in Albert-ville -and that is my name — I think the Olympics will be something special," he said. "Don't forget, the last time the Olympics were in Albert-a, and I had good success

there. I feel maybe it's destiny for me to win in these places."

Does that mean he is superstitious? "No, not really," Tomba said. "But there are people around me that tell me these things. they notice things, and who knows? Maybe it means something.

Tomba has changed from the playboy on the World Cup circuit who liked fast cars and faster women and who listened only to his parents. The people around him are evidence of that change.

After bursting onto center stage at the age of 21 in the 1987-88 season by winning five races and two Olympic gold medals, Tomba cele-brated by getting fat and lazy. The 1988-89 season was a disaster: one World Cup victory and even less at the world championships, where he fell in the slalom.

Now Tomba travels with a seven-man team of coaches, trainers and advisers, headed by Gustavo Thoeni, a former Italian champion Giorgio D'Urbano, a trainer, and Fulvio Cuizza, a sports psychologist. Last season he recorded six World Cup victories, won the giant-slalom crown and finished second overall. Between World Cup stops, Team Tomba repairs to his base camp in Val di Fassa, Italy,

"Before, I didn't know what it was to work hard," Tomba said. "It has taken me five years

to understand that's what I had to change."
"For me, Calgary was fun," he added, "but now I am experienced, and to me, it's a commitment now. There is a lot of work to be done. I have changed my professional condition now. This is my job, and that's why I must take

it seriously." Not that Tomba is totally changed. He spent the summer working out in front of crowds on the beach in Riccione on the Adriatic coast, then let the Italian team go to the United States without him in November so that he could play in a celebrity tennis match in Milan. Tomba strutted around Utah and Colorado in full Western regalia, including a Stetson hat, and his fling with Miss Italy - he was a celebrity judge - has filled Italian newspapers

Tomba's parents are still on the scene, too. It was his father, Franco, who convinced the Italian Ski Federation to let his son train by

A prima donna? Sure. But Helmuth Schmalzl, the Italian national team coach, insists that a double standard is justified in Tomba's case.

"Take training," Schmalzl said. "It would be very bad for all of us if he trained with the

other Italian skiers. They would get tired and depressed from losing all the time, and he wouldn't have time for his promotions and his stars - you know, Alberto's things. It's better

What about Tomba's decision to skip the downhill and super-giant slatom races? Tomba and Thoeni say it is more important to concentrate on the sialoms and stay healthy for the Olympics, even if it may leave him with too few races to win the overall championship. But fellow competitors say Tomba lost his appetite for risk after he broke his collarbone in a crash

in Val d'Isère two years ago. "He just doesn't have that downhill mentality any more," said A. J. Kitt of the United States, a downhill specialist. "I guess he's saving his body, and why not? If you're not going to win the downhill or the super-G, then I'd skip it too."

But Tomba, who has never won a downhill or super-G race, bristles at the suggestion that

"First of all, I am not afraid," he said. There is no voice in my head telling me I will fall, and it has nothing to with my accident. I will do some super-G, but it must be a real super-G. I can't compete without a net, like in the circus. The risks are simply too great."

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Downhill Racers: Taking On the Mountain at Any Risk

International Herald Tribune
VAL D'ISERE, France — If there really is "glamour" in downhill ski racing it is probably because sports enthusiasts, as much as readers and writers of great literature, are forever attracted by the notion of man confronting danger - even death - in pursuit of personal sat-

"It takes a lot of guts to throw yourself down a mountain," Bill Johnson acknowledged proudly after he claimed a gold medal for the United States in the 1984 Olympic Games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. "Not many can do that."

More to the point, why would

anybody want to? "It's a really great feeling." Franz Klammer, an Austrian champion, explained recently, looking back on his triumph at the 1976 Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. "And only a few people can get it. You have to work so hard for so many months. You have to go to

A lasting image of Steve Podborski, who won a bronze medal for Canada in 1980 at Lake Placid, New York, is that of him pumping up his quadriceps in the weight-lifting rooms of every hotel on the ski tour. For him, no amount of work was too much for the ultimate

payoff.
"Sometimes I'll experience a kind of slow-motion effect," he once said, describing the sensation of a good race. "I'll be going down about 80 or 90 miles an hour and everything will be coming at me quite slowly. You know that you're going fast, but your mind is going slow. That's when you're really on

For Klammer, it was something simpler. "It's a feeling of freedom," he said. "Just you and the hill." Sometimes, of course, the hill

Sepp Walcher, one of Klammer's Austrian teammates, slipped during a race in 1984 and broke his neck. He left a widow and three small children. A year ago, during a training run for the World Cup race on the famous Lauberhorn



Members of the first all-German Otympic team since remification at a welcoming ceremony at the Olympic village in Brides-les-Bains.

off the trail at the final gate. Six hours later he died, with a broken pelvis and other internal injuries. Success in downhill racing de-

pends on conquering such fears. Ken Read, the accomplished Canadian whose Olympic memories bruck, was asked this winter about "the fear factor." Replying slowly. he said: "It governs what you do. but it governs you in a sensible way. Fear is what keeps you from

"Sometimes I get very nervous," said A. J. Kitt, the leading U.S. downhiller and a credible contendthen you hold back a little bit and that's really when a downhiller can get into trouble."

"I try to huild my confidence," he continued. "If I'm nervous taking unnecessary risks. The dif- about a course or a section then I'll

course in Wengen, Switzerland, a

What is important, skiers say, is
20-year-old Austrian in his rookie
year, Gernot Reinstadler, swerved
ence between fear and nervousness

100 percent."

wasn't new in Sarajevo. I had been third training run I'll be able to go saying it all along."

Confidence, perhaps, is second only to courage in the formula for success in this sport. When Johnor for an Olympic medal in Val
d'Isère, "but I don't think I get
scared, It's a bad thing to be scared
if you're racing downhill because

son won the Olympic downhill in
of indecision. And I knew then that
my days were numbered, My concentration had flipped for a tenth
of a second." Butte Mountain Resort in Colorado, Johnson says that he had not meant to be cocky. He really did think he was going to win.

"Even when I was 8 years old," ference between winning and los- take my first training run a little bit he said, "I knew that if I stayed at ing a race is knowing when to take easy. Maybe I'll stand up a little it, someday I'd be the best I knew I ing the course from top to bottom," earlier than normal in certain sec- had the talent. So what f said he said, recalling his excitement.

Johnson well remembers. Talking about a training run in 1986, he recalled: "There was a split second

As for glamour, Johnson remembered the excitement of Lake Placid in 1980, when, at 19, he was only a forerunner, one of the noncompetitors who ski down the course to pack the snow just before the race. There was a crowd of 40,000 lin-

He knew then, he said, that his day would come.

There is more to downhill racing than a two-minute Olympic stint every four years, however, and for all its appeal, few skiers would de-scribe their sport as glamorous.

"There is no glamour in it at all," Read said when he was one of the top attractions of the World Cap.
"In fact, it's very unglamorous.
Knowing people from other sports, I'd say we work much harder in training and other things. And the actual competition is much more trying. We go on tour and we work hard. We don't go to the discos and meet all kinds of flashy people. And, contrary to popular opinion, there aren't all sorts of groupies following us."

It is perhaps significant that Johnson's gold medal did little to attract more young Americans into the sport. "Americans see it as a dangerous sport," Johnson said, "and one without many rewards. Parents are more likely to steer their kids into baseball or basketball, where the guys are making seven figures. Money is the major

Among those who did not need any financial incentive was Dave Irwin, a Canadian who lost control in the Lauberhorn race in January 1976 and subsequently bounced down the course like a rubber ball. Read, who witnessed the accident, had alerted the coaches by walkietalkie: "Skis and equipment destroyed, blood-filled goggles."

Irwin's 120-kilometer-an-hour (74-mile-per-hour) mistake left him with a severe concussion and fractured rib. Yet, less than a month later, he defied his doctors and sped confidently down the Olympic slope at Innsbruck. He finished

seconds behind Klammer. Months afterward, in a booklet titled, "Ski the Canadian Way," Irwin wrote: "Inside I feel that there is something tremendously important about the pursuit of fractions of seconds and the challenge of the mountain, even if it

Stars Will Appear, **But Which Ones?**

From a Huge Cast of Hopefuls, Only a Few Heroes Will Emerge

By Sandra Bailey New York Times Service

They come from nowhere and they come from everywhere, stunning us with their feats of overachievement and satisfying ns with their inexorable march to glory. Mike Eruzione fires the shot heard around the world to carry the 1980 U.S. hockey team to its upset of the Soviet Union; Katarina Witt seduces the world en route to the 1984 figure skating gold medal, inspiring 35,000 love letters and winning over no less than Alberto Tomba by the time she has duplicated her accomplishment in 1988.

They are the stars of the Winter Olympics, as unpredictable as an avalanche and as certain as the sunrise.

The fact that the Summer Games are bigger and bolder only serves to make the winter version more intimate and intriguing. The sports of summer are the sports of the masses - basketball, soccer, track and field — but their winter counterparts belong to the stuff of stardnst and memories — ice dancing, Alpine skiing and ski jumping. Summer and its heroes make us dare, but winter is strictly for

Who will inspire the dreams this month, in Games co-directed by one of the greatest Winter Olympic heroes of them all, Jean-Claude Killy? Will another dashing skier take charge, winning three golds and the hearts of his or her countrymen the way Killy did in

When the final brave has echoed through the Savoie region on Feb. 23, the questions will be answered, the stars indisputable. Until then, we can only search the sky for the first twinkle and speculate where it will emerge

MARCGIRARDELLI—Born in Austria but now living in and skiing for Luxembourg, he has won four World Cups and would like to add Olympic gold to his collection. He missed the 1984 Sarajevo Games because of his move to Luxembourg and was injured and failed to win a medal when the world gathered in Calgary four years later. He hopes his surgically repaired left knee bolds up this time.

PETRA KRONBERGER — The Austrian skier is a legend on the World Cup circuit, where she has won the overall title two consecutive years and last season became the only woman to earn gold in all five World Cup events. This year, Vreni Schneider of Switzerland has been the one to beat and may be the one to watch in Meribel. Of course, France will be pulling for favorite daughter Carole Merie, no slouch on any slopes as she stands fourth in

World Cup overall rankings.

T ONI NIEMINEN — Ski jumping and superstar status hardly seem a natural match, but this could be the man to change that. The Finn leads the new wave of ski jumpers using the V style of leaping, in which the tips of skis are spread wide while the tails are crossed, providing greater lift and longer jumps. The technique is to ski jumping what the Fosbury Flop was to the high jump, a revolutionary approach to the athletic feat. Add to that the fact that Nieminen, 16, could become the youngest gold medalist in Winter Olympic history and it could add up to some heart-stopping mo-

SABELLE AND PAUL DUCHESNAY --- The French brother and sister, working under the direction of the master, Christopher Dean, are the single biggest draw in France, according to a spokesman for the Olympic organizing committee in Albertville. After years of crowd-pleasing but establishment-befuddling avant-garde ice dancing, they broke through to win the gold medal in the last

world championships and hope to repeat that in Albertville.

Perhaps now that the judges know what to expect, and with Isabelle's husband, Dean (who, with Jayne Torvill, electrified the world with their rendition of "Bolero" in Sarajevo) pulling the strings, they will have a chance. In Calgary, they had the fans on their feet in their long program but could get no higher than eighth. No one can be certain until he skates out whether Paul Duchesnay is fully recovered from the groin injury he suffered in January, caus the duo to miss the European championships.

URYA BONALY — She could fall six times or she could finally become the first woman to nail a quadruple jump and hold on in international competition. If the latter occurs, this French teenage charmer, who has won the European championships two straight years, will take the sport by the throat. She is a rare black woman in her sport and an athlete who amazes fans with her physical gifts.

IDORI ITO — Another X factor on the ice, Japan's dazzling jumper should brook no peer if she skates to her potential, especially with the previously mandatory figure & tracings gone in these Olympics. If it is a repeat of her tuck and roll off the ice show at the state of the state of the show at the state of the the world championships, look for any of three Americans — Kristi Yamaguchi, Tonya Harding or Nancy Kerrigan — to step into the

D AN JANSEN — He was the heartbreak kid of the Calgary Games when his sister died of cancer the morning of his 500meter speed-skating race, and he fell on the ice that night. He flew home to Milwaukee to attend her funeral, then came back to race two days later in the 1,000 meters, only to fall once more. He will skate both distances again this time and comes to Albertville stronger than ever, having lowered the world record in the 500 meters in January to 36.41 seconds, shaving .02 seconds off the record set six days earlier by his archrival, Uwe-Jens Mey of Germany, the 1988 Olympic gold medalist and a potential star again

The Albertville Games: Higher, Faster, Stronger, Richer

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multimillionaire with a string of endorsements. Similarly, a champion can create vast demand for a new type of ski, boot or sunglasses — one reason that equipment companies are jostling to supply hopefuls.

Olympics also raise the profile of a com-

pany or place, such as Albertville, because of the estimated 2 billion television viewers around the world. That benefit can pay off for years to come in added sales or tourism The French are especially aware of the potential benefits, because they have seen it all happen before. When Jean-Claude Killy won three gold medals in skiing at the

Grenoble Olympics in 1968, he helped turn

a sport that was limited to the happy few

into an industry, and one in which the French could boast world leadership. After the bleak, snowless winters of 1989 and 1990, which slashed tourism receipts and sales of ski equipment, "the French ski industry wants a French Alpine ski cham-pion," Lummé said. "The ripple effect for an area like Savoie will be felt right across the board."

Jean-François Bernoud remembers the ripple effect well. As commercial director for Dynamic skis, which Killy wore when he won his medals. Bernoud recalled "the locomotive effect" for the industry. But the last few years of poor snowfall and economic troubles mean that the French market for skis has shrunk to about 450,000 pairs from 550,000, Bernoud said.

"We're hoping that the Olympics will relaunch the ski industry in France," he continued. Three French gold-medal hopefuls - Carole Merle, Patrice Bianchi and Franck Piccard — are wearing a new Dy-

"If you're selling skis, you have to bave champions who win medals with them," Bernoud said. "That is what the product is

Massimo Garbaccio, advertising director for Nordica, the ski-boot maker that is owned by Italy's Benetton family, agreed. He said each gold medal won by someone wearing his company's boots would mean an appreciable boost in sales.

"It's a huge advertising phenomer he said. "People are in the stores the next day asking for the same boots."

He pointed out that the average skier cannot wear the same skis and boots that top athletes use, "just like not everyone can drive a Ferrari." Nonetheless, he continued, a gold medal would provide a trickledown effect on the company's entire product line, not just the boots that the Italian ski team and some members of the French team will be wearing.

Companies do not necessarily have to sponsor a winning athlete to share in the Olympic glory. Those donating funds of services to the Games say that such investments pay for themselves several times

outo the popular pastime of pin collecting can show off its products in action. and trading, sponsoring two roving vehi cles and a trading center for the pins, which have been issued for Olympic athletes and officials since the first modern Games in

Even though the Olympics do not quite match the World Cup soccer championship for frenzied nationalistic emotion, they provide a positive marketing forum that is regarded as unparalleled in sports.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for us to be associated with something like this," said Béatrice Maillard, an IBM France official working in Albertville. "It's a wonderful marketing window." IBM France has been working on the Games for five years, providing all com-puterized services for Albertville, from the

design of facilities such as the ski jump and judges' stands to a computer system for calculating the scores of figure skaters. Some have estimated the overall cost to the company at 200 million francs (\$36 mil-

But, according to Maillard, IBM is being amply repaid for its efforts. Already, about 12,000 potential IBM customers have visited Albertville to see computer installations that use the company's entire product line. from mainframes to personal computers. In addition, IBM plans to invite 1,000 or so

Coca-Cola Co., for instance, has latched of its best customers to the Games, where it

Maillard cautioned, however, that while IBM was introducing new ways of using its products and software at the Games, wouldn't use the Games as a lab for a new

"Everything had to be tested a year before," Maillard added.

That's not the view of Thomson, the state-owned French consumer-electronics company. It is using the Games to introduce its technology for high-definition television broadcasts. Only 2,000 sets will be able to receive the broadcasts, but the company figures the publicity benefits for the European technology will be far greater. Indeed, Albertville officials recall that the 1968 Games were similarly used to introduce color television in France.

The Games are also being used to revive the French Alps as a ski destination. Of the total cost of the Games, estimated at 11.8 billion francs, about half has been

spent on infrastructure in the Savoie region, including a new highway and an extension of the high-speed TGV train net-

in a country where tourism is the single largest contributor to the gross domestic product — tourism revenue totaled 620 billion francs last year — the potential benefits from such investments are huge. They are particularly so for Savoic, a re-skiing and snow," he said.

gion that has suffered in recent winters from a slump in tourism because of a lack of snow and difficulties in reaching its ski resorts, especially long traffic jams in peak Towns in the region also are sprucing

themselves up. Méribel, a town of just

1,600 people that will be host to Alpine

skiing events and the hockey competition, has spent more than 300 million francs for such improvements as a ski lift, a downhill run, a hockey rink, an indoor swimming pool and a disco. Such spending has come under fire because many towns are taking on heavy debts, which may take generations to pay off. Meribel, for instance, borrowed 50 million francs; the remainder of the funds came from the French Olympic Committee

and a private consortium that will manage

the sports facilities after the Games. But

the head of tourism for Méribel, Jean-

Marie Choffel, insisted that the benefits were worth it. "For us, it's a good deal," he said. "In addition to the million people and 5,000 journalists who will be here for the Games, 2 billion people will see our town on televi-sion, including American and Japanese tourists who never would have heard of Méribel two years ago.

Bernoud of Dynamic agreed. "Never be-fore has so much attention been paid to



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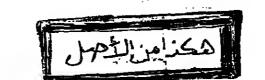
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national Management Group and a longtime televi-

sion consultant to the International Olympic Committee, said the heavy imbalance of dollars was about to

The percentage of Olympic TV rights being paid

by the United States is coming down," Frank said. "In the past, the U.S. paid two-thirds to three-quarters of

the total television money. That proportion is going to

The first opportunity for change is the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta. Although U.S. rights are not

expected to be negotiated for some time, perhaps not until 1994, European rights have already been sold.

The Atlanta Organizing Committee was able to push the price up, getting \$275 million, more than three times the Barcelona price for European rights.

"That deal was a major step forward," Frank said.

It may also have helped forestall a growing U.S.
protest against what had amounted to a subsidization

of the Olympics games by American television money. Representative Edward J. Markey, Democrat of Mas-

sachusetts, had scheduled congressional hearings to examine why U.S. networks were continuing to pay so much for Olympic broadcast rights, while the Europeans and the Japanese continued to get such bargains. The presidents of the three networks' sports divisions had been selected to a selected.

But the hearings were postponed, a network execu-

Atlanta used the proposed committee hearings as

tive said, because the Atlanta committee was negotiat-

part of its message to the EBU," the network executive said. "They had to convince the EBU they were serious

that they simply had to have more money out of Europe this time."

Frank dismissed the proposed congressional hear-

Why should it be a matter for the American

Congress what the Olympics go for in France?" Frank said. "It all boils down to the free-enterprise system."

What has been changing, he said, is not any pressure the international broadcasters feel because of growing

U.S. resistance to the high price of the Olympics, but

rather the competitive atmosphere among European and Japanese television companies.

"A number of independent broadcasters are coming on the scene in these countries," Frank said. "Market-place forces determined what happened with the Eu-

In the past, be continued, the EBU had all the leverage because it represented the only truly national channels in each European country - the state-run

channels such as the BBC in Britain. The International Olympic Committee mandates that rights be sold to a television outlet with truly national distribution.

Until recently few European countries had competi-

tors to the state-run channels that fit that requirement.

Now many do, so the EBU cannot lower its bid as

The U.S. bidding process is certain to change, he

added, mainly because the broadcast networks can no longer afford the kind of money they committed to

recent Olympics, nor the losses that apparently are

accompanying those commitments.
"You are definitely going to see a different sort of

negotiation with the networks in the future," Frank said. He suggested such possibilities as combined

"One thing that is certain is that all future negotiations will begin with a blank piece of paper," he added.

"What's happened in the past may be instructive but it will not determine how the future bidding is going be

bidding by a network and a cable channel.

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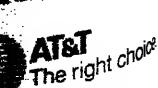
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Winter Olympics, 1992

Feb. 17

By Bill Carter

New York Times Service

MOUTIERS, France - Christophe Berthaud, the

manager of the International Broadcast Center in this

small town, just down the Isere River from Albertville,

was happily leading a group of reporters on a tour of

With conspicuous pride, he displayed the offices

and studio facilities that had been set aside for the

world's broadcasters to use when they send pictures of

the 1992 Winter Olympics to their homelands in

the size of the complex of studios and editing rooms that the U.S. network with the rights to the Albertville

Games, CBS, has built on the ground floor of the

But then, no other broadcaster paid anything like what CBS paid for the honor of televising this Olympiad. The fee for the U.S. television rights was \$243

million, more than 10 times what the European con-

the rights for an entire continent.

what the Americans paid."

sortium, the European Broadcasting Union, paid for

The EBU paid \$24 million for a series of events that

will take place on European time (CBS's coverage of the games will be dominated by taped highlights shown about six hours after events have been held),

that will probably be dominated by athletes from

Europe and that will be seen in at least 30 million more

homes than will see the CBS coverage.

Berthaud, pondering this rather startling imbalance, could only shake his head and say, "It's incredible

For most of the recent history of Olympic television rights, the imbalance has been similarly incredible. Nobody pays for the Olympics like U.S. networks. Adding to the incredulity is the current state of the U.S. networks, two of which, CBS and NBC, lost handwards of millions of dollars in 1901 CBS the

hundreds of millions of dollars in 1991. CBS, the

biggest loser, was especially hard hit because of the burden of overpayments for rights fees on sports events. Included among them were the Albertville games, which some television industry analysts have

That is one reason why the CBS facilities in the Mothiers broadcast center, expansive though they may be, look like a housing development that ran out

of money during construction: no rugs, no paint on the wall, no drop ceiling.

NBC is not expected to fare much better this summer when it broadcasts the Summer Games from

"There certainly will be a loss for NBC as well," an official familiar with the Olympic television revenues

The rights for those games cost NBC \$401 million.

For the 1994 Winter Games in Lillchammer, Nor-

way, CBS paid even more than it did for Albertville

\$300 million. The EBU markup for Lillehammer was

considerably less steep: The European rights rose only

Nor are the prices paid by Asian broadcasters much

more equitable. Japan paid \$9 million for Albertville, \$13 million for Lillehammer and \$60 million for

The rest of Asia, more than 30 countries including

South Korea and Hong Kong, is also represented by a consortium, the Asian Broadcasting Union. The ABU

contributes what amounts to pocket change to overall Olympic television revenues, a mere \$230,000 for

The EBU, again broadcasting games held on home

turf and on European time, paid \$90 million.

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Albertville, for example. But Barry Frank, senior vice president of the Inter-**Wasmeier Is Fastest in Downhill Trial**

The Associated Press VAL D'ISERE, France - Markus Wasmeier of Germany, winner of one World Cup downhill this season, had the fastest time in the

first day of training Thursday for the Olympic downhill.

Wasmeer negotiated the steep, twisting course in 1 minute 52.64 seconds. Four French skiers were

had been injured earlier in the sca-son, finished 17th, in 1:55.15. in the top 10. Wasmeier, who won the down-. hill at Garmisch-Partenkirchen,

Alphand Is Back in Action The Associated Press VAL D'ISERE, France --- Luc Alphand (the French skier who is pictured in color on Page 1) returned to action on Thursday in the first downhill trial. Alphand, who

Germany, on Jan. 11, was one of tuck going through or approaching the few skiers who remained in his the finish line. His time was 23 seconds ahead of Günther Mader of Austria.

Third in the first day of training was France's Denis Rey in 1:53.03 followed by countrymen Chris-tophe Fivel in 1:53.11 and World Cup veteran Frank Piccard in 1:53.72. The other Frenchman in the top 10 was Adrien Duvillard, eighth in 1:53.94.

Après-Ski Hot Spots **And Other Doings**

A Guide to Life After the Olympics

By Natasha Carleton

Special to the Herald Tribune ALBERTVILLE, France - Alhough the Olympic Games are the primary attraction for the expected million visitors to Savoie from Saturday to Feb. 23, there will be a heavy schedule of apres-ski activities. These range from discos, bars and restaurants to laser shows and

The three main hot spots for the Games will be Val d'Isère, Méribel and Courchevel, which traditionally try to outdo each other in providing the liveliest evenings.

Following are some resorts with their non-Olympic attractions: Val d'Isère: Probably the best known of the winter sites because its Criterium de la Première Neige usually opens World Cup racing in

Val d'isère will be host to many Ray Charles, Dizzy Gillespie, George Benson and Michel Legrand, among others, are scheduled

There are almost 50 places to eat in the town but the best one will be set up through Feb. 20 when some of France's best chefs work at the Stars of Alsace restaurant. In all, 17 chefs with 21 Michelin stars will cook in a restaurant that can accommodate more than 1,000 diners

But it is not necessary to spend up to 800 francs (about \$150) a meal to eat well in Val d'Isère. The Pavillion, a big pub with good music, appeals to the town's large Brit-ish contingent. Dick's Tea Bar and Club 21 are among the places to be

scheduled, including the Quatnor Ravel on Tuesday and El Comediants of Barcelona on Friday. Meribel is perhaps the best Olympic resort for shoppers, with many made luxury clothing shops.

Another way to take a walk in the country is to follow animal tracks in the Vanoise National Park.

If hiking is too sedate, there are some reputed discos, including Les Saints Pères in Méribel and Le Privilège in nearby Motteret. And, in sharp contrast to the snow and ice of the Olympics, guests at La Taverne can listen to Didier, the owner, tell of his adventures sailing around the world.

Courchevel: A favorite of the (ashionable set, which has decided that among the places to see and be seen in Courchevel are the Hotel Byblos des Neiges and the Hotel Airelles. La Bergerie restaurant is good and organizes private parties. Courchevel will also stage a jazz festival during the Olympics, cen-tering on French groups.

Tignes: The town may be known for skiing and snow surfing but it jazz groups during the Olympics in has a big choice of other sports, the Guest Stars Festival Feb. 12-19. including aerial ones. Different ways of watching Olympic skiers ways of watching Orympic sciens practice include hang gliding, single-engine plane rides with the Aero Club de Tignes or heliocopter flights with MTS. Then, at night,

drop in at the Xyphos disco. Shopping for local specialties is another attraction. A shop called Les Mélusines in the center of town has regional work from jewelry to porcelain, and Aux Produits de la Savoie offers a wide choice of cheese, ham and other food.

Bourg St. Maurice and Les Arcs: Les Arcs will stage a miniature version of the opening ceremonies and combine with Bourg St. Maurice on a show called, "From Ashes to White Gold," in which children act out the history of skiing since 1920, featuring old-fashioned costumes late at night. featuring old-fast
Méribel: Various concerts are and wooden skis.

Just outside Bourg St. Maurice, tourists can visit Les Frères Urpins, an artisanal house where typical Savoie wool blankets and coats are

Albertville: The hub of the For those who don't like skiing Olympics furnishes an offbeat albut enjoy walking, cross-country traction in a visit to nearby Conhiking with a guide is available. flans, a re-created medieval town.



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'We Love You, Willie!'

By Don Terry

New York Times Service HICAGO - This city of Southerners in the North borrowed a page from the New Orleans's book of mourning to say goodbye to one of its natural resources, the legendary bluesman Willie Dixon, who died last week.

It was the page that said celebrate. Celebrate a wonderful life. Celebrate with music and song. And that is exactly what Chicago tiid Wednesday, with the city's first New Orleans-style funeral procession in memory

Dixon's coffin was carried through the weary streets of the South Side in a horse-drawn, Civil War-ers hearse. It was followed by strutting, horn-blowing, gray-haired blues musicians, a highstepping high school marching band and a great lake of umbrellas bobbing up and down to the beat in the chilly morning breeze

Hundreds of fans, black and white, from across this segregated city marched along as residents of the neighborhood waved from their porches and held up posters of Dixon's smiling, gentle face.

Tve never seen a send-off like this for any musician in Chicago," said Cicero Blake, a blues singer and one of dozens of musicians who came out to pay their respects to the man they called "The Blues."
In his 76 years Dixon wrote hundreds of songs, and they have been performed by a rainbow of artists, stretching across several genera-

tions and musical styles. Muddy Waters, Elvis Presley, Koko Taylor, Chuck Berry, the Rolling Stones, Buddy Guy, Junior Wells, Count Basic and Megadeth. to name a few, have all sung his reasons.

songs. He also was a singer and bass player, and played on gospel radio programs and at recording sessions. Koko Taylor, a legend in her

own right, said Dixon was not only a gifted songwriter "but he also had the best song titles I ever heard."

He wrote her trademark tune, Wang Dang Doodle." "He kept the blues alive so far as keeping people supplied with songs," she said. "There will never

be another Willie Dixon."

The procession stretched for three blocks and stopped several times as Dixon's comrades and spiritual offspring played his music in the streets of the neighborhood where the Chicago blues sound was

As she watched the chestnut-colored horse pull the hearse down a tree-lined avenue, Andrea Denham, an administrator at the University of Chicago, said she took the day off and made her husband do the same "so we could be part of

"But mostly, I've never seen a New Orleans-style funeral," she said. "It's exciting."

When the procession halted for a song, Dorothy Tillman, the Chicago alderwoman who organized much of the event, shouted, "We love you, Willie!'

Like so many Chicagoans, Dixon was born in the Jim Crow South and migrated to Chicago in the 1930s to seek his fortune, but not necessarily on the stage.

He was an accomplished boxer and had four professional fights. Dixon died Jan. 29 of heart failure in Southern California, where he had moved in 1982 for health

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Killy, the Star of '68, Is the Man of These Games

PARIS — When Jean-Claude Killy, France's most famous and perhaps greatest athlete, agreed to head the 1992 Olympics at Albertville, he said it would be even more exciting than competition

It was a tactful statement - and Killy is a tactful man, skilled at public relations - but did it turn out

"It's been a job with many more facets and more unknowns," he now says. "I don't think there is anything more dizzying than having to give answers

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on subjects one doesn't know very well. I knew all about competition skiing, or at least what had to be done even if I couldn't always do it, while here there was something new to learn each day. I wouldn't swap one for the other, what amazes me is having

His friends, Killy says, warned him that a downhill racer couldn't handle the uphill slogging the Olympics involve and yet, as he says, here he is feeling fine and cheerful about the effort. "It was a privilege. If I were asked to do it again, I would say that the first time around it is a privilege, the second time it would be suicide."

Killy looks as Jean and supple as in his competition heyday in the 1968 Grenoble Olympics, but he says he has scarcely tried the 1992 pistes because his legs aren't what they were. He doesn't care much for skiing anyway. "Competition was a pleasure, just skiing was secondary. When I wasn't competing, I

was a good skier, nothing more.

Born in the Paris suburb of Saint Cloud, he moved Jean-Claude Killy seeks another coup. at the age of 2 to Val d'Isère in Savoie, where four out of the five men's Alpine skiing events will be held at this month's games. He left school early and became a customs officer on the Swiss border, which remains the favored French method to support promising amateur skiers. Killy's first monthly pay-check was only 750 francs, but the health benefits in case of skiing injuries were worth it and there was ample time for practice.

France's most famous customs officer since the Douarier Rousseau learned from the 1964 Olympics



at Innsbruck that method was as important as skill. "I did poorly because I was disorganized, a real fool. My wax was wrong, I hadn't studied the pistes sufficiently, I didn't have as many pairs of skis as I should have had, etc. From that I learned."

He learned enough by 1968 to win brilliantly at Grenoble, in the downhill, slalom and giant slalom. The games were also the apotheosis of Gaullism: Charles de Gaulle, whose power would be shattered

months later in the events of May 1968, had decreed in the early 1960s that he expected French victories at the Grenoble Games. "I was very young at the time and from one day to the other we noticed the difference," Killy said. "From being put in one-star hotels we were in three-star hotels."

In 1967, Killy met the sports promoter Mark McCormack in Geneva and in May 1968, when France was in an aproar, Killy and McCormack were quietly organizing his post-skiing career in business. In those days, a ski champion's future was limited: There weren't the money-spinning professional tournaments as in tennis because skring was thought not to be telegenic; Killy knew that the season in France was too short to open a profitable ski resort; a world champion was unlikely to give lessons on the baby slopes.

Killy sponsored everything from Chevrolets to Rolex watches. He started a line of skiwear. He went to Japan and Australia and for more than 10 years flew to the United States 10 or 12 times a year. He says he became a good salesman - "I had everything to learn"—and often he had the feeling he was being used. "Completely. But no one forced me to do

He is said to have earned \$20 million as a businessman and has lived for many years in Geneva, where taxes are kinder than in France. His one failure was a 1972 film, "Snow Job," (he says that as an actor he was a very good skier), but during the shooting he met the actress Danielle Gambert and married her the next year. They had one daughter and he adopted her two children from a previous marriage to Rhadames Trujillo, son of the Domini-

Killy has been mentioned as a successor to Juan Antonio Samaranch, head of the International Olympic Committee, but says this is unlikely. "The Olympic representative of his country must live in that country and I live in Switzerland." The job clearly has its attractions, though. "Games organizers are part of the magical movement that makes people dream, so they are happy managers, unlike the United Nations. So it's a very agreeable world to be in, but that's all I can say.

On his way to the Elysée Palace to brief President breaker, to st François Mitterrand on the opening Olympic cere-years' time."

monies, Killy was wearing a green windbreaker and, under that, a blue blazer with the rosette of the Legion d'Honneur. He was awarded the Legion's ribbon by de Gaulle for his 1968 gold medals and promoted by Mitterrand in 1982 because his clothing business was one of France's top six exporters:

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two careers encapsulated in a small red knot. As a champion and businessman, Killy was natural to boost the choice of Savoie for the 1992 Olympics and began lobbying for Albertville in 1981. Named co-president of the Games with Michel Barnier, a deputy from Savoic and president of the regional council, he resigned abruptly in 1987 when

Savoyards objected to his cost-cutting and accused him of favoring Val d'Isère over other sites.

It was a very bad year. His wife died of cancer in November and the Savoyards, he felt, had betrayed him. He was persuaded to return in 1988 and there have been no arguments since. "Only problems," he

In 1987, Killy learned to pilot a helicopter in order to survey the far-flung sites of the Games and because he finds a helicopter more exciting than light aircraft. Ever since he began competing, he says, he learned to be methodical and to have at the same time an extremely accurate sense of speed and therefore of time.

"When a fraction of a second counts, you have to analyze every parameter calmly. Everything — diet, boots, cables, the nature of different snowflakes. So the search for the fraction of the second takes place

slowly and quietly." When the Games end he will be 48 and, for the first time in his life, strangely free, his children grown and no responsibilities. "I am awaiting the moment with much interest because I simply don't know what I'll do, what will happen. It's a challeage because a 50-year-old man is no longer 20 but he isn't yet 65. He has some hopes left.

"I have the financial means to do nothing and the time to do it in. So I feel no anxiety, only the anxiety

of doing nothing."

Can a perfectionist used to thinking in terms of tenths of a second really daily and do nothing? "I don't know," he said, pulling on his green windbreaker, to stroll to the Elysée. "I'll tell you in a few

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Short Rein for Spike Lee A company has assumed control of Spike Lee's movie "Malcolm X" and that their music was performed

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after production costs climbed as much as \$5 million over the original \$28-million budget. The move by Completion Bond Co. — a Los Angeles firm that insures investors against films going over budgel means the company has the legal power to finish the movie itself to deliver it by year's end to its distributor, Warner Bros. The company says that Lee will retain creative control of the movie, but must adhere to stringent cost-cutting measures for the three-hour movie. "He is being held on a financial short rein," said a source close to Lec.

Jack Ruby's brother is jumping into the controversy over the assassination of President John F. Kenmedy. End Ruby, a Detroit businessman, speaking at the Mount Clemens, Michigan, public library, said Oliver Stone's movic "JFK" and another movie; "Ruby," starring Dumy Aiello, are way off base. Both films suggest that Jack Ruby. killed Lee Harvey Oswald, was part of a mob conspiracy to kill Kenne-dy, but Earl says his brother was never involved with the Mafia and not part of a conspiracy.

reason? To put an end to talk that son Welles and Frank Capra.

by the band's manager, Matrice Starr, and his brother, Michael Johnson. The group sang a medley of hits and two songs, closing with a ballad, "If You Go Away." Harmomes were off and notes were missed on several occasions, leaving little doubt that it really was the New Kids performing. A lawsuit asking \$75 million has been filed in Chicago by a consumer demanding reparations for fans.

A section of highway in Alabama is named after the country music star Tannay Wynette, and her home county in Mississippi may soon do the same. The state Senate has passed a bill to name a stretch of Mississippi 23 in Itawamba County after Wynetta. The bill goes next to the House, State Senator John White said Wynette, known for such songs as "Stand By Your Man" and "D-I-V-O-R-C-E," is a native of the county and is still registered to vote. "I hope you'll pass this," White told the House. "You know, there may be another election coming up and I hope Tannay Wynette will stand

Akira' Kurosawa, 81, is being honored with the Directors Guild The pop group New Rids on the of America's highest award. The Block, said to be the world's best-director of such films as "Ran" and paid entertainers, earning \$115 milRhapsody in August' will receive
lion in 1990 and 1991, have intexthe D. W. Griffith award on March rupted an Australian tour to return 14, the guild said. Last year's award to Los Angeles and appear on Ar-venio Hall's television show. The winners include John Huston, Or-

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The Road to Coma

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — This is to thank Mr. S. K. of West 92d Street for adding to my collection of well-meaning uscless advice. He sends a cutting from The New York Times of Jan. 4 headlined "How to Check Insurer Health," which includes some of the most nseless well-meaning advice I've received all week.

I quit reading health-insurance stories several years ago. News in this department is always the same: situation hopeless and getting worse, no relief in sight.

As the accompanying story re-minded us, the health-insurance industry is infested with deadbeats finaglers and downright thieves against whom governments give us little protection.

You will understand the government's reluctance to restrain these rascals if you heard President. George Bush denounce the evils of regulation in his State of the Union speech. What could be worse than special. What could be worse than letting rip-off artists abuse the sick, the maimed and the dying? Government regulation that would hobble the dynamism of a free market, that's what.

However, government does keep a drowsy eye on things, so here, according to The Times's advice, is what you can do to check up on a health-insurance operation before

you buy:
1. "Call the state insurance department to find out if a plan is licensed in that state and if it con-tributes to a state guarantee fund." been in business for three years or

that its policies are backed by a large insurance company, call the larger company and have its officials explain the relationship and how much protection it offers."

This advice is useless," says Mr.

New York Times Serv.

S. K. "Have you ever called an agency of the government? 'Ask' state regulators... 'Look' for an insurer... 'Call' the larger com-

these things? Those who can afford lots of expensive professional help, and such people don't need this

Getting anything but a busy sig-nal on a the typical government telephone can require dialing or punching telephone buttons until your fingerips are worn down to your knuckles.

Worse: Suppose you do finally get a human being. You know what happens then, don't you? The only person who can possibly know what you're talking about is taking sick leave. Or is in conference. out to lunch. Sure they'll call you

back. Sure they will. Let's not even try to imagine the the telephone! - to a "regulato willing to give you a critique of the policy you're thinking of buying.

As for phoning up a large insur-ance company and reaching some-body willing to explain its relation-ship with small insurance companies, I will not be cymonical.
After running up a phone bill that would shame an adolescent you might very well find somebody just below the vice presidential level at Prudential who is just dying to talk about corporate relationships.

But after listening to the expla-nation, could you understand it? Of course not. Nobody human can 2. "Look for an insurer that has derstand insurance talk." That's

why lawyers were made. You want some useful advice! 3. "If a small insurer contends so rich you don't need health insurance. Or be miserably poor and live people to learn on, and the

